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No recent PLO attacks, says Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 14, (AP): A senior Israeli defence official said today that the PLO has not conducted any attacks against northern Israel or Israel's self-proclaimed security zone in Lebanon since PLO chairman Yasser Arafat renounced terrorism.

"We have not identified any flagrant act on the part of the PLO against the security zone or Israel since Arafat committed himself the way he had," said Uri Lubrani, co-ordinator of Israeli actions in Lebanon.

Lubrani said the hostilities have stopped since Arafat renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist at a news conference in Geneva last month. A similar statement was made earlier this week by Israel's Chief of Staff, Lt Gen. Dan Shomron.

But Lubrani said he could not yet assess the PLO position.

"I think it is too early to judge, and time will say," he said on Israel Radio. "At the moment they are leaning somewhat towards a status-quo, no violent actions. But how long this will last I cannot tell you. This can last till tonight."

US withdraws another ship

WASHINGTON, Jan 14, (AP): The US government has decided to withdraw another warship from the Gulf, citing the continuing ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

The USS Josephus Daniels, a guided missile cruiser, was ordered out of the Gulf yesterday, said Lt. Col. Keith Schneider, a Pentagon spokesman. The move was approved after a month's experience with new convoy monitoring procedures inside the Gulf, Schneider said.

The Daniels' departure leaves 14 American Navy ships still operating inside the Gulf and another 10 deployed with an aircraft carrier battle group nearby in the Arabian Sea.

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WEATHER

COLD weather with light to moderate northwesterly wind.

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Fahala: 14°C 57°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:
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Ahmad: 5°C 41°F
Fahala: 5°C 41°F

Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 70 per cent
Ahmad: 75 per cent
Fahala: 75 per cent

Israel told to grab chance for peace

British minister holds first ever official talks with Arafat

TUNIS, Jan 14, (Agencies): British Minister of State at the Foreign Office William Waldegrave, urging Israel to understand "that the world is changing," expressed support for an international conference on the Middle East today after an unprecedented meeting with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

"Our meeting represents a major development in the policy of Great Britain," Waldegrave told reporters after concluding three hours of talks with Arafat at the residence of the PLO representative to Tunis a short time before midnight.

"I hope it will be understood by those in Israel who want to understand, as one of the signs that the world is changing. If they do not change they will be left behind," said Waldegrave, who has ministerial status.

Presence

Waldegrave said the talks focussed on holding of an international conference on Middle East peace "as soon as possible. We agreed on the type of (international) conference toward which we should be aiming."

Arafat for his part added: "Yes the Arabs want a conference on the Middle East with the presence of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Israel, Syria and Egypt and the PLO or the provisional

Palestinian government."

It was the first time the British government had a ministerial level meeting with Arafat.

Arafat said 1989 "will be a very important year for peace." Waldegrave echoed him, saying "it will be a crucial year, a chance is on offer that may not present itself again."

Waldegrave said the way was open for an eventual visit by Arafat to London. The PLO chief said he was interested "if I receive an invitation."

In occupied Jerusalem, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said: "I think this pro-PLO approach of Mr Waldegrave is not useful for the cause of peace and will certainly not further the chances of Britain playing a major role in the Middle East peace efforts."

Accurate

"I think that Israel is doing its best now to try and find a way to start direct negotiations with its neighbours. Activities such as this of Mr Waldegrave are certainly not helpful to the cause of peace and will only encourage the PLO in its stand," said the spokesman, Avi Pazner.

"We hope that what we hear in those news reports about what Mr Waldegrave said is not accurate and that he will find a way to correct his statements and try to show that Britain has not changed its traditional friendship with the state of Israel."

Position

Arafat has repeatedly called on European nations to bolster the Mideast peace process.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi said yesterday in Madrid that current circumstances had put the European Economic Community in a good position to push its initiative for peace in the Middle East.

Klibi, in Madrid for talks with Spanish officials, told a news

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Arab committee to meet this month

Feuding Lebanese leaders invited

KUWAIT, Jan 14, (Reuters): The chairman of an Arab League committee set up to solve Lebanon's political crisis said today it would hold its first meeting in Tunis later this month and he urged all Lebanese factions to cooperate.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA): "The committee has begun its work by sending invitations to the premiers or their delegates to meet with it in Tunis at the end of this month."

Return

He was apparently referring to the heads of Lebanon's rival Christian and Muslim led governments. Lebanon, already devastated by 13 years of civil war, has been without a president since Amin Gemayel left the post last September.

Sheikh Sabah was speaking on return from Tunis where Arab foreign ministers formed a contact group on Thursday including the ministers of Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

Sheikh Sabah said the group would meet later and in stages



Sheikh Sabah

with all Lebanese factions to listen to their views. "Our success in this committee will not be achieved without the co-operation of all factions and sects in Lebanon," he was quoted as saying.

"This Arab committee will strive to work in a spirit of neutrality and seeks no gains except the return of Lebanon's unity, sovereignty and freedom," he added.

Hindu-Sikh clashes spread

SRINAGAR, Jan 14, (Reuters): Hindu-Sikh violence spread today to areas outside the northern city of Jammu where 10 people were killed and 140 injured in clashes yesterday official sources said.

Curfew restrictions, clamped on Jammu yesterday, were extended to nearby Udhampur following clashes there today, the sources said.

The sources said the situation was tense in both places, with troops patrolling the streets to head off further trouble. A senior state official said groups of Hindus stormed through predominantly Sikh areas of Udhampur, torching and looting shops in the town.

Deployed

Police were deployed in the nearby towns of Ramnagar, Reasi and Katra following reports of other clashes between Sikhs and Hindus.

In Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state, armed police were

deployed in three areas to prevent the spread of violence to one of India's best-known tourist attractions, police said.

The clashes were sparked by portraits, carried by Sikh marchers, of the executed Sikh killers of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Both were hanged in Delhi's Tihar jail a week ago. Hindus from the militant Shiv Sena and the Sikhs battled for nearly five hours with daggers, swords and home-made bombs while looters raided shops and houses in several parts of the city.

Police opened fire and used tear-gas before the Army was called out and the state's Chief Minister, Farooq Abdullah, appealed for calm.

The state's police chief, Ghulam Jeelani Pandit, said 19 people had so far been arrested. In Jammu, the state's winter capital, no incidents were reported after yesterday's violence, which broke out between the two groups during a Sikh religious procession, they said.

'Survivor's' sister cooked up story

MOSCOW, Jan 14, (Reuters): An Armenian man's story that he was rescued after spending 35 days under earthquake rubble was made up by his sister to ensure he received top medical care for a respiratory ailment, Izvestia said today.

The Soviet government newspaper dismissed as a "legend" Akkaz Akopyan's account that he survived the devastating Dec 7 earthquake by living off preserves and singing songs in the basement of a toppled apartment building.

Soviet reporters tracked down Akopyan's sister, Julietta, friends of the 50-year-old electrician and hospital and rescue officials after doubts were raised about the authenticity of his account.

Account

Enquiries at hospitals throughout Armenia had failed to turn up any of Akopyan's fellow "survivors" from the building in Leninakan, Armenia's second largest city. No one had acknowledged rescuing the men.

The Soviet news agency Tass, in its latest report, said two of its journalists asked Akopyan in hospital bluntly whether his account was true. He replied yes and repeated his story, though with some confused details.

Izvestia said one of Akopyan's fellow patients in hospital had helped reporters find his sister, who initially denied knowing the electrician.

"Julietta had in fact taken her brother to the hospital, but not after he had been pulled from his stone prison," the newspaper said.

"He had become ill and urgently needed treatment and so on the way to Yerevan the legend was born. Why make it up? She wanted to put her brother into a good hospital..."

Sextuplets

PARIS, Jan 14, (UPI): A Frenchwoman gave birth to sextuplets today after she underwent a treatment for sterility, doctors said.

Marie-Claude Adam, 29, produced two baby boys, Cedric and Kevin, and four baby girls, Coralie, Gaelle, Melanie and Doriane, said her gynaecologist, Gaston Verdonck. They were delivered at the Port Royal Hospital in Paris in the mother's 33rd week of pregnancy.



Arafat (left) meets Waldegrave in Tunis. (Reuters wirephoto)

20 kg luggage limit will be strictly enforced

Air fares to go up

By Atique Samad

AIR FARES from Kuwait to different destinations are expected to go up from April 1 while the 20 kg luggage allowance will be strictly enforced from the beginning of February, according to airline sources.

The sources said fares will be hiked on all sectors from Kuwait. They also said the Department of General Civil Aviation (DGCA) will handle the immigration and customs at the Kuwait International Airport.

Fares will increase by about 14 to 16 per cent on the present market prices. The DGCA will base the new fare structure on the present market prices. Added to these prices are five to seven per cent profit margins for the airlines and nine per cent commission for the travel agents.

Practice

To lure passengers, the travel agents cut fares by usually giving up six to seven per cent of their commission. They have been asked to shun this practice and stop undercutting.

Because of this order fares went up from Jan 1 this year. For example, previously tickets for Bombay cost between KD 130 and KD 136. But now all travel agents are selling return tickets

on the Kuwait-Bombay sector for KD 155.

The proposed air fare hike in April will be over and above the present increase.

The airlines have been told to woo passengers by improving services instead of selling cut-price tickets.

Impose

Kuwait Airways in May last year initiated a rise in fares along with two other airlines. But the Civil Aviation did not allow the fare hike, mostly on technicalities.

According to rules, any increase in fares must be sanctioned by the Civil Aviation. But as the three airlines tried to impose the price hike without first submitting it to the Civil Aviation authorities, they declared the rise illegal.

Strict

To avoid such a hiccup, a decree may be issued shortly, sources said. The rise last year was between 30 and 50 per cent.

Sources said all the airlines have been told that from Feb 1 authorities will be very strict about hand baggage and the 20 kg limit of free baggage allowance for the economy class passengers.

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New labour law

Expats cannot work part-time

KUWAIT, Jan 14, (KUNA): A new labour law, to be implemented very soon, will prohibit expatriates from working part-time, even if permitted by the sponsor.

According to the new law, signed today by Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, any expat found working in two places will be deported. The second employer will have to bear the cost of repatriation of the expat.

Effective

The order will become effective two months after the publication of the order in the official gazette.

The ministerial order extends the contract period for expatriate workers to three years and should be renewed three months before the expiry of the contract.

The permission to hire a foreign worker is not transferable during the first three years even if the worker is hired locally. If the worker commits a violation he or she will be barred from working in Kuwait for two years.

An employment exchange will be established that would be helpful to both businessmen and workers. Each worker must have an identity card which would help him or her find a job in case he or she loses the original job.

Before applying for a foreign worker, a private businessman is required to look for a Kuwaiti citizen registered in the ministry's files with the required qualification to carry out the work.

Businessmen will have to justify the need for a foreign worker before permission is granted to bring in such a worker.

Private

According to the new order GCC citizens will be allowed to establish private firms in Kuwait after they apply for identification cards to be issued by the Labour Ministry.

This decision has been taken in response to calls by the GCC to integrate markets of the member states and allow GCC citizens to open private businesses.

Regulates

The new labour law regulates all aspects of registering business firms, employing Kuwaiti and GCC citizens, hiring non-Kuwaitis and acquiring permission for changing or terminating jobs.

It will cancel the ministerial decisions 77, 80, 81 and 83 of 1984, decisions 952 of 1985 and decision 62 of 1982 regulating the import of foreign labour for domestic work, private businesses and government jobs.

North Yemeni soldiers leave Iraq

BAGHDAD, Jan 14, (AP): More than 3,000 North Yemeni soldiers who fought in the Gulf war with Iraq left Baghdad today.

Iraqi soldiers, waving both the Iraqi and North Yemeni flags and holding the pictures of Iraq's leader Saddam Hussein and North Yemeni ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh, showered the departing soldiers with flowers and sweets, the Iraqi News Agency said.

The agency said the Yemeni troops flashed victory signals at their Iraqi counterparts as they departed Muthanna airport, a military base in Baghdad's outskirts.

DNA said the ceremony was attended by senior Army officials and members of the Baath ruling party.

In another ceremony yesterday, an Iraqi Army official hailed North Yemen's contribution to defend his country during the Gulf war, the Iraqi military Al Qadisiya newspaper said.

Flying mattress saves man

CRYSTAL LAKE, Illinois, Jan 14, (AP): A flying mattress carried a 79-year-old man to safety as his suburban home was levelled by a natural gas explosion, authorities and the man said.

The incident occurred on Thursday morning as James Steurer sat on his bed putting on shoes in the Chicago suburb of Crystal Lake.

Blat

Moments later, Steurer recalled afterward, he was still sitting on his mattress — outside on the driveway, blown out through a side wall of his home by the force of the gas explosion.

"I landed outside, picked up my mattress and it was on fire, so I tried to put it out," he said. The explosion scattered broken glass, threw a side wall of the home against a next-door neighbour's garage, and sent pieces of wood onto neighbouring rooftops.

Carpet with 6 million knots

NICOSIA, Jan 14, (AP): A carpet with six million hand-woven knots, believed to be a record number in each square centimetre, was completed in the Iranian city of Tabriz, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

The carpet, measuring one metre by 1.5 metres, was made with 800 colours and took two years to complete, said IRNA.

The carpet has 400 knots per square centimetre. Knot density is one of the main measures of quality in hand-made carpets.

The carpet will go on display on the 10th anniversary of the Islamic revolution next month.

The carpet was woven by the three Nezamidoust brothers from Tabriz, IRNA said.

Its design is based on a miniature painting of the fifth day of creation and will be displayed at Tehran's Carpet Museum from Feb 1-11.

The brothers are now working on an even finer carpet in which they will put jewellery, IRNA said.

US welcomes Libya's return of pilot's body

WASHINGTON, Jan 14, (Agencies): The United States welcomed Libya's return of the body of a US flier shot down in 1986, during a bombing raid on Libya.

The State Department spokesman Charles Redman said: "I would just say that we welcome the return of the remains — that was Libya's humanitarian obligation."

Redman said at the State Department briefing that "the United States government appreciates the roles of the Vatican and the government of Italy in facilitating the return" of the body.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said yesterday he could not comment on Libyan motives because Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Khaddafi was unpredictable.

"One moment he'll take some action that appears humanitarian, of a nature that appears

to be a signal. The next day he's behind a terrorist attack," Fitzwater said.

However, US officials in Rome said Washington's policy towards Libya would not change.

The body of the pilot was flown home today after a brief ceremony at Rome's military airport.

Gesture

An American military transport plane carrying the remains of F-111 bomber pilot Fernando Luis Ribas-Dominici left Ciampino airport at 3.40 pm (1440 GMT) on a flight to Dover Air Force base in Delaware.

Libya returned the body under Vatican protection yesterday as a humanitarian gesture. Italian and US forensic experts identified Ribas-Dominici's remains in Rome by using dental records, fingerprints and other

tests. Libyan officials had earlier indicated the remains were those of the plane's weapons officer Captain Paul Lawrence, 31. Lawrence's body is still unaccounted for.

Ribas-Dominici, from Puerto Rico, was 33 when his F-111 was shot down during raids on Tripoli and Benghazi in April 1986. The United States said the attack was in retaliation for alleged Libyan involvement in the bombing of a West Berlin nightclub in which two US servicemen were killed.

The coffin draped with an American flag was carried silently by six Marine guards from a grey hearse to the plane.

The Libyan military plane which flew the pilot's body to Rome yesterday was still parked on the airport tarmac.

The return of the remains was widely viewed as a bid by Libya to ease tensions with Washing-

ton over US allegations, denied by Tripoli, that Libya has built a poison gas factory.

Last week relations worsened when US Navy jets shot down two Libyan MIG-23 warplanes.

Charges

Libya said today it wanted to turn a new page in relations with Britain and discuss British charges that it was backing Irish nationalist guerrillas in Northern Ireland.

Libya's Ambassador to the United Nations Ali Treiki told BBC Radio from New York: "We are ready to get together with them (the British government), to sit together with them at whatever level they want, to restart the negotiations we have started in the past."

He added: "We can discuss all the problems including the IRA (Irish Republican Army) problem. If the British government is serious, let us start a new page."

Decision taken in a secret government meeting

Poland approves relegalization of Solidarity

WARSAW, Jan 14, (Agencies): A secret government meeting last month led by Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski approved the relegalization of the outlawed trade union Solidarity, and a Communist Party meeting on Monday may put the final stamp on the decision, a party source said yesterday.

The source, who requested anonymity, said "a secret government meeting took place at the end of December and it reached the decision on the need to relegalize the union."

Solidarity founder Lech Walesa reached by telephone in the northern seaport of Gdansk called the government's decision "indispensable."

"I am waiting for it," said the union leader, whose organization was banned following the imposition of martial law in 1981 and has since operated illegally.

Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, in an address to the Communist Party gathering in the Kasprzak industrial plant in Warsaw said yesterday the party wants "an authentic pluralism."

Jaruzelski met the party activists three days before a scheduled 200-member Communist Party's central committee meeting which, according to party and Catholic Church sources, will decide on Solidarity's structure following its relegalization.

"Nowadays, we want an authentic pluralism which would

create conditions for the dynamic operation of the forces that respect the constitution," Jaruzelski said.

Recently authorities approached Walesa and promised him roundtable talks on the relegalization issue after he ended two waves of strikes in April and August.

The talks have been delayed since mid-October due to the resistance of the hardliners in the party to open the negotiations.

Six out of 15 Politburo members were dismissed last December and replaced by new officials.

Walesa earlier promised to help the authorities in pulling the country from the economic crisis

if they allow the union to operate legally.

Poland has a foreign debt of \$39 billion and is plagued by shortages of basic consumer goods.

Solidarity's national spokesman, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, said that he had not been expecting anything so dramatic from the central committee meeting, "but if it happened it would be very good" and could "open the road" for the talks.

If Solidarity accepts the offer, it would be expected to begin immediately the talks with the authorities, perhaps as early as this month, the government source said.

Solidarity would be asked to reach agreement with authorities on establishing a new election law that could result in a "substantial presence" of the opposition in Parliament.

That could diminish the communists' power in Parliament because they now have an absolute majority and do not need the coalition parties to rule, the source said.

Elections are planned this year and Jaruzelski has stressed that more independent voices should be allowed in Parliament. But the party wants seats allocated to the various constituencies rather than Western-style election competition among opposing parties, as the opposition prefers.

Key Iran-Contra charges against North dropped

WASHINGTON, Jan 14, (Reuters): Oliver North has won dismissal of two key Iran-Contra charges but faces a struggle over whether President Reagan and President-elect Bush can be compelled to testify in his defence on 12 remaining criminal counts.

The judge ruled yesterday he would drop the two charges stemming from the arms sales to Iran and the diversion of the profits to the Nicaraguan Contras, but said jury selection would begin for the Jan 31 trial on the remaining charges.

After the ruling, the Justice Department asked the judge to throw out the subpoenas demanding that Reagan and Bush testify in court as defence witnesses for the former White House aide who was at the centre of the Iran-Contra scandal.

The Justice Department's filing, which denounced the presidential subpoenas as unprecedented, represented a setback for defence attorneys who want to show that North's actions had been approved, at least implicitly, by his superiors.

"These subpoenas raise profound constitutional concerns," Assistant Attorney General John Bolton said in arguing that Reagan and Bush enjoy executive privilege and cannot be forced to testify about sensitive national security and foreign policy matters.

As the department was opposing the subpoenas for testimony by Reagan and Bush, North's lawyers delivered a second set of subpoenas asking for their records on the Iran-Contra scandal, the department said.

Bolton also argued that

requiring Reagan or Bush to testify poses what he described as grave risks to US relations with foreign nations.

"The spectacle of a former or sitting President being subjected to (the) judicial process may chill foreign governments in the way they deal with the President now and in the future," he said.

Bolton asked the judge to order North to prove that the testimony by Reagan and Bush would be crucial to his defence and that the evidence could not be obtained elsewhere.

Reagan has answered written questions from the Iran-Contra special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh while Bush has been interviewed by the prosecutors.

The Justice Department said North's lawyers were told that Reagan would be willing to reply in writing to their questions.

But North's lawyers rejected the offer and went ahead with the subpoenas in a move that some White House aides viewed as an effort to put pressure on Reagan to grant a pardon before he leaves office on Jan 20.

Reagan, who has described North as a hero and proclaimed his innocence, has ruled out a pardon, saying the legal process should go forward.

'Cicciolina'

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 14, (AP): Lina Staller, a porno star called "Cicciolina" and controversial member of the Italian Parliament, won immigration approval to get a visa allowing her to perform at a local adult theatre, an attorney said yesterday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Students protest

SEOUL, Jan 14, (Reuters): Thousands of South Korean students staged anti-government protests today to mark the anniversary of a colleague's death under police torture two years ago.

Witnesses in the southwestern city of Kwangju said that hundreds of militant students hurling petrol bombs and stones fought riot police after a memorial service for Park Jong-Chol, who was choked to death by police interrogators in January 1987 during questioning about anti-government activities.

Police fired tear-gas to disperse the protesters, who chanted: "Down with military dictatorship."

There were no immediate reports of injuries or arrests.

Subway gunman

NEW YORK, Jan 14, (AP): Bernhard Goetz, who was sentenced to one year in jail for shooting four black men in a New York subway with an unlicensed gun, says the violence resulted from "the deterioration of society."

The 41-year-old electronics engineer was ordered yesterday to pay a \$5,000 fine by state judge Stephen Crane, who said Goetz had shown no remorse for his actions.

Discrimination

BRUSSELS, Jan 14, (AP): Participants at a conference on AIDS said yesterday that they will collect complaints on AIDS-related discrimination within the 12-nation European Economic Community.

European Parliament members of the Green political party sponsored the conference.

In their final communiqué, conference participants called for implementation of existing anti-discrimination laws and policies.

The 130 participants represented hemophiliacs, homosexuals and drug addicts.

Detainees freed

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Jan 14, (AP): Eight people, including an opposition member of Parliament, were released from jail today after being held for 15 months without trial under the internal security act.

Deputy superintendent of police Mohamad Reduan Aslie told reporters that those released included Lau Dak Kee, a law-maker from the opposition Democratic United Party.

Mohamad said the eight were released from a prison in Kamunting, north of Kuala Lumpur, where they had been held since their arrests.

Rescue mission

LONDON, Jan 14, (AP): Two US Jolly Green giant helicopters and a tanker headed out across the stormy Atlantic today on a rescue mission for the crew of a crippled Cypriot freighter.

The 42,000-ton Yarrowa, with 32 people aboard, was about 230 miles (370 kms) west of Ireland at mid-day today and was continuing toward port at nine knots, according to the Coast Guard maritime rescue centre at Falmouth.

Satellite burns up

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 14, (Reuters): Israel's first satellite burned up today on re-entry into the atmosphere after nearly four months in orbit, the head of the Israel space agency said.

Inheritance dispute

BELGRADE, Jan 14, (AP): The widow of late President Josip Broz Tito has lost an appeal for the revision of a Belgrade court ruling over her inheritance, a press report said today.

British minister ...

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conference that recent moves by the PLO had created "a new, positive situation, and all efforts should be made to take advantage of it."

Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez, head of the EEC's council of ministers, arrives in Israel today for a three-day visit amid increased European pressure on the Jewish state to talk to the PLO.

In a related development, American Jewish leaders reportedly met secretly in Jerusalem with Palestinians linked to the PLO who urged Israel to open a dialogue with the group.

Air fares to go up

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All the airlines now allow 30 kg free of charge and passengers usually carry another 10 to 20 kg of luggage in their hands. KAC has already clamped down on hand baggage and is not allowing passengers to carry more than one piece of hand baggage.

Paving the way for East-West talks

Greek-Turkey dispute resolved

VIENNA, Jan 14, (AP): Negotiators resolved a territorial dispute between Greece and Turkey today, sealing a landmark human rights accord and paving the way for new East-West arms talks, diplomats said.

"We have agreement" among the NATO allies, a Western diplomat said after last-minute telephone calls were made between Vienna and the Turkish capital, Ankara.

Another Western diplomat indicated the dispute was resolved after the Soviet Union and three unidentified NATO powers submitted letters to Turkey.

Start

The content of the letters was not immediately disclosed.

Resolution of the dispute paved the way for signing a mandate for new NATO-Warsaw

Pact talks on reducing conventional troops and weapons across Europe.

The talks, dubbed the negotiations on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CAFE), could start as early as March, diplomats said.

The mandate will be included in a 35-nation agreement that increases freedom in the Soviet bloc and boosts East-West contacts at all levels.

8 killed in ski-lift tragedy

GRENOBLE, France, Jan 14, (Reuters): Eight workers were killed yesterday when a brand new cable-car plunged 700 feet (230 metres) to the ground near a ski resort in the French Alps.

Officials said the dead men had been carrying out tests on the giant, 160-place car ahead of its planned inauguration next Saturday.

The tragedy near Vaujany, about 50 km (30 miles) east of Grenoble, was France's worst ski-lift accident since March 1987 when a cable-car pylon snapped in the Pyrenees killing five people and injuring 110.

Officials in Vaujany said the French-built car had been tested only a few days earlier with a load of 15 tonnes.

The two-car lift was one of the

biggest in the world, capable of carrying 1,800 skiers an hour up a four km (2.5 mile) cable to the slopes of L'Alpe d'Huez high-altitude ski station. It cost about \$24 million.

"What's strange is that only the cabin fell into the gorge, while the boggy — the part that carries the cabin along the cable — somehow stayed on," Jean-Charles Simiand of the French association of cable-car operators said.

Radio reports today quoted one investigator as saying the cabin appeared to have simply ripped away from the boggy.

Rescue workers reached the wrecked cabin within 15 minutes of the accident but the eight technicians aboard had all been killed on impact.

UK tightens airport security

LONDON, Jan 14, (Reuters): Hours after Britain tightened airport security yesterday, three men were arrested following a fireworks explosion in baggage unloaded at a London airport, police said.

Transport Minister Paul Channon ordered increased security when two journalists said they separately breached security at London's Heathrow airport days after a bomb blew up a Pan Am Boeing 747, killing 270 people.

The trio were arrested on charges of carrying explosives and were taken to Gatwick airport, police said.

Baggage handlers unloading the Boeing 727 jet ran for cover when one of three golf bags ignited. They stamped out the fire and discovered the bag contained dozens of fireworks. Security men later found more explosives in the two other bags.

The small fireworks, wrapped in brown paper and resembling cigar butts, were handed over to Army experts for examination.

World's largest religious gathering

Millions bathe at Hindu fair

NEW DELHI, Jan 14, (UPI): Ash-smeared holy men today led a million Hindus to ritual baths to mark the beginning of the world's largest religious gathering at a site where two holy rivers converge with a mythical river, news reports said.

The Press Trust of India news agency quoted festival organizers as estimating nearly one million people took their ritual baths as dawn broke and said another four millions were expected before the day ends.

The festival, known as the Kumbh Mela, is held every 12 years at four sites in India. The current gathering is in Allahabad, 375 miles (600 km) southeast of New Delhi, where Ganges, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati converge, would lead to salvation, the Press Trust news agency and the state-run All India Radio reported.

Ritual

They reported the highlight of the bathing ritual came when a contingent of naked holy men and ash-smeared mystics holding metal tridents and blowing

conch shells strode into the holy river water before dawn.

Hundreds of thousands of men, women and children jostled with others in an attempt to take dips at the most auspicious hour — just before dawn, the news agency said.

Men covered only in loin cloths around waist and women in saris walked into the river, took repeated dips and prayed holding their palms together — in the traditional Hindu way of praying.

Many pilgrims to avoid the

rush, waited patiently in one of the several thousands tent shelters that had been built temporarily by the festival organizers, the news agency said.

Festival

Organizers, who have billed the seven-week-long festival as the world's largest religious congregation, estimate about 40 million people would take holy bath between Jan 14 and March 6, the duration of the festival of the Kumbh — Hindi, for a jar, in the belief it would lead to salvation.

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Thank Americans

WASHINGTON, Jan 14, (AP): President Reagan, in his final radio address to the nation today, thanked the American people for the chance to lead them in pursuit of "the American dream," the search for freedom.

"My fellow Americans, over the years I've greatly enjoyed this opportunity to get together with you, and report on the week's events here in Washington," Reagan said, as he began his 331st, and last, such five-minute

Bomb threat against White House

WASHINGTON, Jan 14, (AP): President Reagan returned to the White House late last night minutes after a bomb threat was received by a White House operator, an administration aide said.

Reagan's helicopter landed on the south lawn of the White House as scheduled at 11:15 pm (0415 GMT Saturday) after the secret service, using bomb-sniffing dogs, swept the area for explosives.

The President entered the executive mansion without incident, White House press aide Scott Sowry said.

Several minutes before the helicopter was supposed to land the White House operator received a bomb threat, Sowry said. "When the President landed, the place had already been swept" in a security check.

Press officials on duty had no information about the exact nature of the threat or whether it was actually directed at the White House complex.

Reagan was returning from a trip to New York, where he had spoken at the annual dinner of the Knights of Malta, a Roman Catholic civic organization that helps the poor.

It was his last official working trip out of Washington as President.

Aides at the White House did not know if Reagan had been informed of the threat. Secret service officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

Earlier, during Reagan's speech at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, a man who said he had a package for the President was detained there while secret service officials inspected the package.

No explosives were found. The package he carried turned out to be a photo album.



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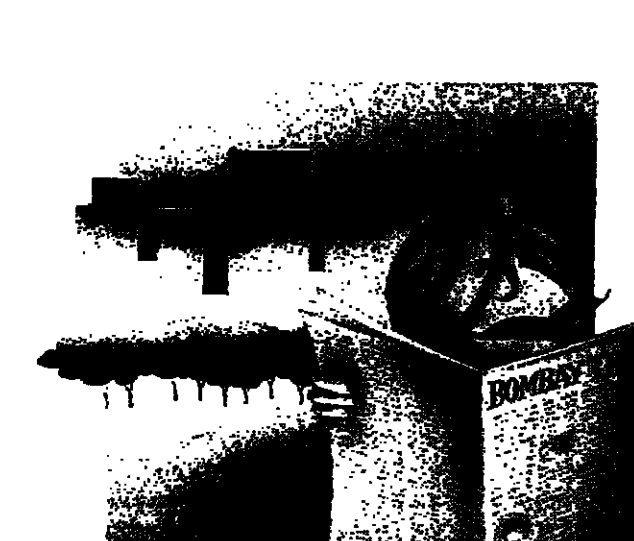
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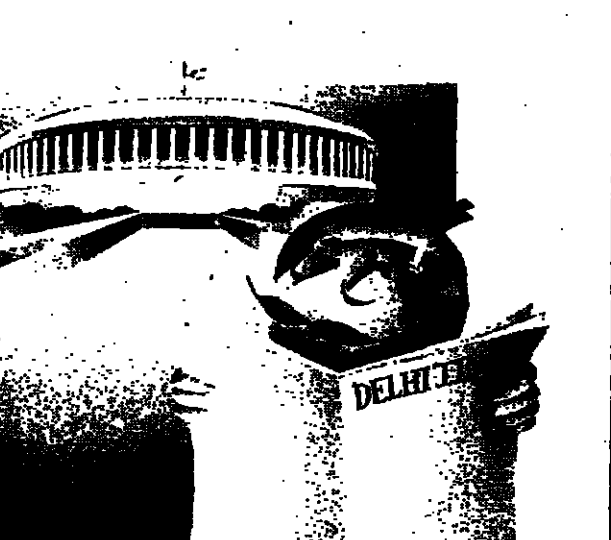
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Two Palestinians die as strike shuts Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 14, (Reuters): Two Palestinian girls injured by Israeli Army gunfire died from their wounds today and merchants in the occupied Gaza Strip launched a week-long strike in protest at tough Israeli tax policies.

An Army spokesman said 12-year-old Hanadi Abu Sultan, of Gaza's Sha'ti refugee camp, died in hospital near Tel Aviv, and Rana Al Masri, 15, of the West Bank city of Nablus, died in East Jerusalem's Mokased Hospital.

Both received head wounds earlier this month in separate clashes with troops. Their deaths raised to at least 363 the number of Arabs who have died in the 13-month-old uprising in the occupied territories. Fourteen Jews have also died.

Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, shut down in an impromptu general strike to mourn Masri's death, residents said. They said former schoolmates marched through otherwise empty city streets.

"We closed stores and schools for the girl who was killed. We will give every martyr a strike day," a Nablus resident told Reuters by telephone.

Hospital officials in Nablus said soldiers wounded a 14-year-old boy in the leg with live ammunition, and residents reported scattered clashes with

troops during the strike.

Palestinians said at least 10 Arab protesters were injured in other clashes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, territories captured by Israel from Egypt and Jordan in 1967.

The Army spokesman said he was checking the reports. He said troops in the West Bank were maintaining curfews in Tulkarem town and Dheishah refugee camp, near Bethlehem, to prevent further unrest.

Punishment
In Gaza, merchants pulled down their shutters to protest at a crackdown by Israeli tax authorities. Arab shops have been raided and merchants cannot leave Gaza without proof they have paid all their taxes, Palestinians said.

The strike, urged in a recent leaflet by underground leaders of the revolt, called on merchants to shut their stores for seven days. The leaflet said they could still sell goods from their homes.

The Israeli civil administration, which governs Gaza, has been building special tax offices at an Army checkpoint at the entrance to the strip.

If traders have not paid taxes, their vehicles and goods are impounded until they do so. Palestinians said they were also charged a daily "parking" fee for their confiscated vehicles.



An occupied Jerusalem municipality worker looks at the damage done to the memorial for fallen Arab soldiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israel has taken a variety of administrative measures during the uprising to assert control over the 650,000 Gaza residents, who are urged by underground Palestinian leaders not to co-operate with Israeli officials.

Military authorities last year ordered Gazans to renew their identity cards, change their vehicle licence plates and pay a special car registration tax.

Israeli officials said the new tax measures had not yet been fully implemented, but Gaza residents said the crackdown had already led to shortages of some products, such as spare parts for cars.

They said some merchants had arranged for Israelis to bring goods in to avoid paying taxes while others had begun to smuggle goods in small quantities.

Soviets will be out of Afghanistan this month

LONDON, Jan 14, (Reuters): Soviet troops have secretly stepped up their withdrawal from Afghanistan and will complete the pull-out by the end of the month, more than two weeks ahead of schedule, a British television report said.

Channel Four television news said Moscow was carrying out a fast, low-profile operation to pull out its estimated 50,000 remaining troops well ahead of the Feb 15 deadline set under a UN mediated accord last year.

Reporting from Kabul, Channel Four quoted informed sources as saying no more than 100 Soviet diplomats and advisers would remain after the withdrawal to support an Afghan government facing intense pressure from rebels.

Meanwhile, at the height of an exceptionally cold winter, fuel and basic foods are in short supply and a sense of panic is spreading as the withdrawal date approaches, the report said.

It showed pictures from Kabul of long bread queues and markets where the price of meat and vegetables has soared beyond what most people can afford.

The US State Department said this week it expected Moscow to meet the Feb 15 deadline, although

ough Soviet officials said as recently as Tuesday it might not be possible to complete the withdrawal on schedule.

Support
Meanwhile Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told President Najibullah that Moscow would continue to back his government while seeking a solution to the country's conflict, Tass reported today.

The Soviet news agency, in a report from Kabul, made no mention of last April's UN-sponsored Geneva accords under which Moscow is to withdraw the remainder of its troops from the country by Feb 15.

Shevardnadze arrived in Kabul yesterday on a previously unannounced visit, four days after Muslim rebels announced they were breaking off talks with Moscow on reaching a political settlement in Afghanistan.

"The Soviet side confirmed its full support for the Afghan leadership's policies and said the Soviet Union will continue extending the Republic of Afghanistan all-round assistance under treaties and agreements concluded by the two countries," the Tass dispatch said.

It said both men backed Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's

proposals on Afghanistan issued last month at the United Nations — declaration of a ceasefire by Jan 1 and the dispatch of a UN peacekeeping force pending formation of a broad-based government.

A ceasefire proclaimed for the New Year by Najibullah was ignored by the rebels.

Talks
Afghan rebels based in Pakistan have arrived in Tehran to discuss their country's future with Iran-based colleagues, Iran's IRNA news agency said today.

Leaders of a seven-party mujahideen rebel group arrived yesterday from Peshawar in Pakistan for a seminar on strategic, cultural, economic and international aspects of the Afghan crisis, said IRNA, monitored in Nicosia.

Talks between the Muslim mujahideen and Soviet officials on the country's future ended in deadlock last week.

Former Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi also arrived in Tehran yesterday for the two-day seminar opening on Sunday, which will be attended by experts from France, Britain, Bangladesh and other countries, IRNA said.

Eight more die from cold in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Jan 14, (AP): Biting cold weather has claimed eight more lives in northern Bangladesh, raising the five-day death toll from exposure to 19, hospital sources and news reports said today.

Doctors at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in northern Bangladesh told the Associated Press by phone that four farmers, all of them over age 50, were brought to the hospital dead-on-arrival yesterday, victims of the cold.

They said the four were working on their farms in the morning when they died, apparently victims of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to the cold.

The weather office in Dhaka reported yesterday the temperature in Rajshahi, 192 kilometres north of the capital, and in the neighbouring districts of Dinajpur and Rangpur, at 4.3 degrees Celsius (40 degrees F), almost the same as the previous day.

The government-owned Bengali-language newspaper, the Dainik Bangla, reported an additional three deaths from the cold wave that occurred yesterday — one each in the northern districts of Mymensingh, Tangail and Rangpur.

Police sources also said a beggar sleeping on a street in Dhaka died in the cold last night.

Shiites prepare for fresh fighting

BEIRUT, Jan 14, (Reuters): Residents of an embattled town in south Lebanon huddled in their homes today as rival Shiite Muslim militiamen prepared for a new round of fighting, security sources said.

The sources said many of the 6,000 residents of the battered hilltop town of Jubah were afraid to leave their homes, anticipating a fresh flare-up between the pro-Iranian Hezbollah and the Syrian-backed Amal militias entrenched in and around the town.

The battles between the two foes, which started in Beirut on New Year's Day and spread to the south, have killed 116 people, wounded at least 150 and displaced thousands from a string of southern villages.

Shooting
The two militias, vying for leadership of Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiites, are struggling for control of the district of Iqlim Al Tufah, a launching ground for guerrilla attacks on Israel and its self-declared security zone in south Lebanon. The area stretches from the port of Sidon to the security zone.

Fighting early today was limited to sporadic shooting and

sniper fire between Jubah and the nearby village of Kfar Fila.

But a source close to Hezbollah said about 150 of its fighters had been sent from the eastern Bekaa valley to Jubah ready for a large-scale assault against Amal.

Fears of a flare-up between the two rivals in Beirut and its suburbs rose after a car bomb exploded yesterday killing one woman and wounding 30 people, minutes after some 4,000 Hezbollah demonstrators paraded past.

White-turbaned clerics, men, women clad in black and children were protesting against what they called the crimes of Amal.

A Hezbollah spokesman hinted that Amal might have planted the bomb. An Amal spokesman denied the allegations, saying: "It's not our style. We've never planted car bombs."

War-weary residents who fled Jubah to safer areas spoke of food, water and electricity shortages.

The local media reported today that Mufti Abdel-Amir Kabalan, a top Shiite cleric, had suggested a truce plan for the south.

W. Germany to auction Zayed's gifts

AACHEN, West Germany, Jan 14, (AP): Forty-eight Aachen policemen will have to settle for a job well done instead of expensive watches they received from an Arab head of state in gratitude for guarding him.

"It was not deemed correct that officials receive extra compensation for fulfillment of their normal duties," said an Aachen police spokesman.

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, President of the United Arab Emirates, gave the Swiss-made watches to 48 policemen who guarded him during a visit to Aachen in August 1987, said the police spokesman.

"The watches are worth several thousands marks (more than \$1,000) each, and officials are questioning the propriety of accepting the gifts," said the spokesman, who asked not to be identified.

He said police authorities had originally feared that rejecting the gifts could insult Sheikh Zayed.

But he said Aachen's new police chief, Heinrich Boenninghausen, has decided the watches should be auctioned off with the money to go to charity.

Court ban on Falcon Crest challenged

CAIRO, Jan 14, (AP): A court overstepped its jurisdiction in finding the American television series Falcon Crest too degenerate for Egyptian screens, the government says in an appeal.

Anyway, the state's lawyer said today, the plaintiff should have switched off his set if the programme offended him.

"We expect to win," said Ragaei Ahmed Issa, head of the technical department at the state litigation authority. "We expect the (appeal) court to rule that the ban order was outside the jurisdiction of the court."

He said the appeal filed this month also alleges other procedural errors and the substantive claim that the provincial judge who banned the series shouldn't have accepted at face value the plaintiff's word that the series is offensive.

Usually aired once a week, the series about a California wine-making estate is highly popular in this country and draws millions of Egyptians to television sets.

The banning order emanated last month from a court in the Nile delta town of Shibin El Khayma in a case brought against the state-owned television and radio authority by a private citizen.

Non-aligned states prepare for 1990s

NICOSIA, Jan 14, (Reuters): Non-Aligned Movement foreign ministers debated ways today of readying their 101-member alliance for the challenges of the 1990s, delegates said.

"It was an unusually sober discussion with an uncommon absence of bickering," said one delegate of the morning session, which was devoted to airing views on the future of the movement.

Other diplomats, speaking to Reuters as they left the conference chamber on the second day of talks, said there seemed to be unanimity over the need to reform the body and change its working methods.

Fifty-nine delegations are attending the three-day Nicosia

meeting to find ways of streamlining the 28-year-old movement so it can face up to changes in international affairs.

Delegates from Guyana, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Niger, Somalia and Mozambique were among those who spoke at the early session.

"The difficult part will come later," said one diplomat. "When we start tackling methods and changes in organisation then we will deal with conflicting views."

At least 14 member-states have submitted papers proposing changes to the way in which the movement reaches decisions and co-ordinates with other world bodies, such as the United Nations.

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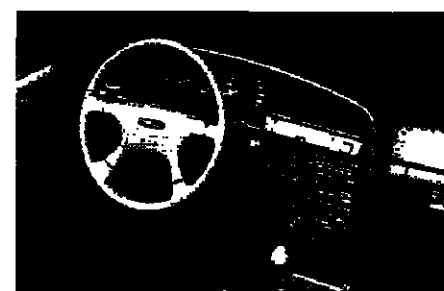
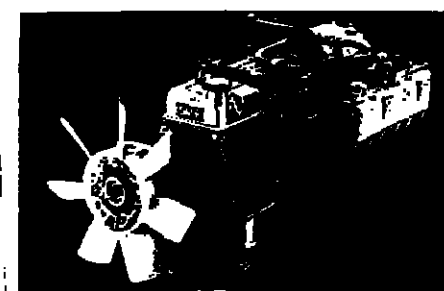
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Somali leader to visit Kuwait soon

MOGADISHU, Jan 14, (Reuters): Somali President Siad Barre will arrive soon in Kuwait to explain his government's political and economic reforms. His visit will take him to Iraq and Egypt before he arrives here.

State radio said other high level delegations would soon fly to Western Europe, the United States, Canada and several Arab states "to project Somalia's true image".

The government, which is fighting rebels in the north, has been sharply criticised by international human rights organisations for its alleged bombings of northern rebel strongholds and its treatment of political prisoners.

The radio said senior party and government officials would also tour the country to explain last week's decisions of the central committee of the ruling Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party.

The committee promised an amnesty to northerners imprisoned after last year's civil war and said a special agency to speed up development of the north would soon be set up.

It also pledged to allow private businesses to participate in some sectors of Somalia's largely state-controlled economy.

Soviet official to tour Gulf states

ABU DHABI, Jan 14, (KUNA): The Soviet Union is planning to have political consultations shortly with Arab countries on developments in the Mideast peace process and to hold an international peace conference. "Al-Ithad" newspaper said here today.

Official Soviet sources in Moscow told the paper that Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Peiz Semeretic will tour Gulf states during the few coming days. The tour includes UAE, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman.

The Soviet official will hold talks during his tour on development of the Palestinian cause in light of the meeting which was held recently in Paris between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

Islamic university

A PRESS release from the Embassy of Pakistan in Kuwait, says that the International Islamic University, Islamabad, invites applications for admission in the Academic Programmes for the Session 1989-90, which would commence from Sept 1, 1989.

The university provides courses in the following disciplines: i.e. Shariah and Law, Arabic, Usuluddin and Economics. Persons desirous of admission in the university are advised to contact the community welfare attaché of the Embassy of Pakistan, for further information. The last date for submission of applications is Feb 28, 1989.

Travel agencies to be regularly checked

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Department of General Civil Aviation (DGCA) will conduct regular field surveys, with the co-operation of the Ministry of Commerce, to ensure that all travel agencies and offices abide by the air transport law in Kuwait, according to the Director-General of the DGCA Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Sabah.

He said that the law underlined operating conditions for travel offices and gave them a deadline in order to rectify situations. Those who fail to meet the deadline will be closed down.

Sabah added that the law was not altered, but new alterations may occur with future requirements. Article 18 of the law, gives full authority to Civil Aviation inspectors to demand documents and information from the offices to prove legality. However, the directorate can, through confidential means, monitor operations in the travel market.

Sabah added that air freight charges and commissions collected by travel offices have been unified with respect to local and international bilateral air freight agreements.

The official claimed that Kuwait International Airport has the most modern equipment and air navigation facilities to ensure the safety of airline movements within the airport. The operation and maintenance of such equipment are supervised by highly qualified technicians.

Kuwait airport security measures with passengers, baggage and luggage are continuously implemented under standards drawn by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, in order to ensure passenger safety.

He added that Kuwait Airways' planes are maintained regularly, according to the de-



Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Sabah

original schedules set by the named manufacturers, under the provision of the DGCA.

Based on these facts, he declared, security and safety measures will be provided at the airport.

Sabah said that agreements organising air traffic were subjected to policies followed by each country in the right of its economic interest. Some countries impose restrictions on foreign companies in order to protect their national airlines, however others, like Egypt, put the interests of national economy as top priority to encourage tourism. It was, therefore, easy to sign an agreement with Egypt on the application of open air traffic policies. He added that Kuwait welcomes all similar agreements with other countries.

The official claimed that establishing of a Kuwait-Australia route depends on Kuwait Airways, which is currently conducting necessary studies on the feasibility of such a route. On finalising the study KAC will refer to DGCA in order to conclude bilateral agreements for the re-organisation of air transport with relevant countries for the sake of national interest.

Final decision on departure fees today

HHH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the first Cabinet session at the Bayan Conference Centre today to discuss a number of subjects pertaining to local economic issues.

The Minister of State for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mubarak, told a local newspaper that the council was expected to adopt a final decision to establish departure fees at all outlets in the country.

30 months for forgery

THE criminal court sentenced a man to 30 months imprisonment, with hard labour, followed by deportation for forging official documents.

The court was told that the defendant offered an Egyptian man a Kuwaiti driving licence via his Egyptian licence for a sum of

try, in implementation of the decree-law issued earlier. The council was assigned to determine the value and time of effect of this law.

Mazidi said that the decision to be adopted would exempt four categories from payment of departure fees, which includes official guests of the government, holders of diplomatic passports, children under 12 and deportees.

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The defendant forged the signature and private stamp of the Director-General of the General Traffic Department. When the defendant's client was questioned by authorities, he immediately tore the forged document admitting that he had suspected fraud.

Facility for diplomats

KUWAIT, Jan 14, (KUNA): Acting Health Undersecretary Ibrahim Al Mudar issued a decision today where diplomats in Kuwait can freely use health facilities provided by the Kuwaiti government without carrying Civil Identity cards.

The decision excludes diplomats from procedures followed at the clinics where every citizen has to show his ID card before being registered in the clinic.

Environment meeting

KUWAIT, Jan 14, (KUNA): The Environment Protection Council opens meetings tomorrow evening under Planning and Acting Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

The council will discuss the proposed construction site of the Kuwait University and review a report on the problem of wastes.

Per capita power consumption in Kuwait very high: Rqobah

THE Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah said in a televised interview on Friday night that 65 per cent of the total national power consumption went to airconditioning units, and that the power consumption per individual in Kuwait exceeded that of his counterpart in Saudi Arabia, Oman, Iraq, Germany, France, Japan and the UK.

Dr Al Rqobah said that the ministry gave the problem of water discoloration its first priority especially since the establishment of the carbon dioxide synthesis plant in Shuwaikh. The chain of chemical processes performed on evaporated sea water pumped into calcium lime stone, managed to produce 65-70 molecules out of one hundred. Calcium bicarbonate is believed to prevent water discoloration, he said.

Rqobah said that the water in Kuwait contained only 15-20 molecules of calcium bicarbon-



Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah

ate, and this causes the discoloration problem.

He added that the Shuwaikh plant has already started pumping water treated with calcium bicarbonate to Kaifan, Abdullah Salem, Mansouriya, Dasma and other areas, and that a recent survey has revealed that 89 per cent of the total population in

these areas have noticed a considerable difference in the colour of water. This has encouraged the ministry to award a special anti-discolouration treatment tender implementation at Doha east and west stations. A tender for the Al Zour plant is planned for a later date.

Rqobah pointed out that the replacement of existing asbestos water conveying pipes would contribute to the elimination of water discoloration as pipes are currently rusty and corroded.

He commented on the extravagance in the local power consumption saying that it reached 7,300/megawatts, compared to 11-12 thousand megawatts in Greece, and that according to 1984 statistics the power consumption per individual in Kuwait reached 8,655 megawatt.

He added that the daily consumption per individual reached 450 litres, compared to 300 litres in Saudi Arabia, 275 in Iraq, 340 in UK, and 224 in West Germany.

Jobless graduates worry many Arab countries

KUWAIT, Jan 14, (KUNA): Rising unemployment levels among new university and college graduates are causing growing worries in some Arab countries, Kuwaiti Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Al Shamlan told an employment symposium today.

Dr Shamlan added that the jobless problem among the new graduates is exacerbating on shrinking private sector work opportunities.

Dr Shamlan was speaking at the opening of a symposium on higher education and employment problems among new graduates in Arab countries. The symposium is being held at the Arab Planning Institute here in co-operation with the World Bank's Economic Development Institute.

The minister pointed out with irony that most Arab government departments are administratively overstuffed, making it very hard for new graduates to find jobs.

The official said all Arab countries are suffering, with varying degrees, from acute shortages of skilled, semi-skilled-labourers and technical workers in the medium and long term.

Dr Shamlan said despite growing government spending on education, loopholes in the

educational systems, and student desire to pursue administrative more than technical studies accounts for the slow pace of development in Arab countries.

The minister suggested that universities, colleges and other higher education institutions should emphasise more on research and development.

The Kuwait Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi also spoke briefly at the symposium in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Planning Institute.

He underlined the importance of implementing resolutions and recommendations of the symposium, being attended by more than 30 experts and officials of higher education and planning in Arab countries.

Other speakers included Dr Abdul Wahid Al Zuhairy from the World Bank's Economic Development Institute. He pointed out that one objective of the symposium is the search for applicable and long term strategies for higher education plans.

The opening session was attended by: Kuwaiti Education Undersecretary Abdulrahman Al-Khudari and Kuwait University's acting rector Dr Moudi Al Hmoud.

Over 9,000 food violations recorded, says official

THE Director of Foods Department at Kuwait Municipality Youssef Al Mallam has said that the total number of violations recorded by the department on a regular basis was between 9,000 and 10,000.

He told a local newspaper that the current level of hygiene exhibited by restaurants and hotels around the country was satisfactory and that the department had up to October 1988 destroyed a total of 27,904 tons of foodstuffs which failed to meet specifications.

He said that the functions assigned to the department included control over imported

foodstuffs, local food products, and food circulated and stored inside the country.

He added other functions included inspection of local food, vegetable, fruit, meat and fish markets to ensure that hygienic conditions and specifications were observed. The department also carries out regular inspection of workers at restaurants, and other food centres.

He said the department continually upgrades the performance of its staff through regular training, and that the current staff number at the department was 2,500.

Rehabilitation request from Gulf Malayalees

THE Kerala Art Lovers Association in Kuwait (KALA) has requested Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to consider a proposal put forward by the state government of Kerala for the rehabilitation of Gulf Malayalees upon their return. The scheme has a projected budget of Rs. 750 crores. The contents of the text was perused by the general body of KALA during its 10th anniversary celebrations recently.

Meanwhile KALA has also announced details of its executive committee which was unanimously elected by the general body.

R.S. Pillai has been appointed president, with V. Muralidharan as vice-president and T.K. Kannan as general secretary.

10 years for whisky smugglers

THREE men were sentenced to 10 years imprisonment with hard labour for attempting to smuggle 9,672 bottles of whisky, into Kuwait, with the intention of dealing.

A fourth man was sentenced to five years imprisonment with hard labour for trying to bribe a customs officer to allow the bottles in.

The court was told that the whisky shipment was brought in from Dubai under the name of a local private company. The smugglers stated that the containers carried car oil and tried to pass it through customs by bribing the officer.

Senior UN official arrives in Kuwait

A SENIOR UN Development Programme official arrived in Kuwait yesterday for talks with senior government officials and heads of the Arab regional institutions.

Dr Mohamed Abdalla Nour, assistant administrator and regional director of the Bureau for Arab States and European Programmes, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will during his three-day visit, meet with Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, minister of planning, Sheikh Ibrahim Duaji Al Sabah, chairman and director-general of the Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Authority, and Sulaiman Majid Al Shaheen, under-secretary for Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Nour's itinerary includes talks with Abdelatif Y. Al Hamad director-general and chairman of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

His trip to Kuwait comes within the framework of the activities of the Regional Bureau for Arab States and European Programmes which "oversees developmental operations by the UNDP and associated agencies in the Arab world and numbers of European countries."

Besides discussing the potential of expanding co-operation between the UNDP and Kuwait, Dr Nour will explore the means of further enhancing relations between the two sides, and between the UNDP and regional Arab organisations in Kuwait.

Vehicle import information for overseas Pakistanis

A PRESS release from the Embassy of Pakistan in Kuwait advises members of the Pakistani community in Kuwait to contact the commercial secretary at the embassy in order to get the requisite information about the import of vehicles before they proceed to Pakistan.

The release said that it has been observed by the Commerce Ministry in Pakistan that overseas Pakistanis on returning home sometimes import commercial vehicles under the personal baggage scheme. They import non-permissible models for sometimes fail to provide documents thereby suffering enormous difficulties.

The release added that the import of non-permissible models or failure to produce the required documents would render Pakistanis returning home ineligible for import permits. Moreover applications for condonation would not be entertained by the Ministry of Commerce.

KSFA extends exhibition

THE Kuwait Society for Formative Arts (KSFA) has decided to extend its 21st Annual General Exhibition until Jan 23.

The decision has been taken in response to requests made by artists who want a chance for greater participation.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Seminar highlights Bahrain's tourism potential

EFFORTS are under way to promote and develop tourism in Bahrain as a major industry. Plans are going ahead to create proper facilities and amenities in the island in a bid to attract tourists from America, Europe and the Far East as well as neighbouring Gulf states. Bahrain's tourism potential and campaign to intensify the creation of various tourism projects in the island were highlighted on the opening day of the Fourth Tourism Seminar of Bahrain of the Regency Inter-Continental yesterday.

Jamil Wafa, Chairman of UNITAG group, emphasised Bahrain's policy of promoting tourism abroad not just for commercial gain but also for the country's rich heritage and culture.

"We are not just interested in filling aircraft with foreign tourists. We want overseas visitors to come to Bahrain and enjoy its hospitality and the facilities that it offers."

He said that Bahrain is blessed with a rich environment, fine beaches and plenty of sunshine and above all a peaceful political climate to attract European tourists in particular to the island. He added that the vast attractions of Bahrain include its food, entertainment, archaeology, folkloric dances, sports and recreational facilities and a wide range of hotels.

Wafa proposed that Bahrain could be included as one of possibly three Gulf countries to promote tourism in the Gulf as a package tour to foreign visitors.

"The idea is to promote Bahrain along with some other Gulf states such as Oman and UAE to overseas tourists on short tours or brief stopovers of a couple of days. In this way the entire Gulf region can be promoted as a popular tourist destination."

He cited hotels, airlines, travel agents and tour operators as four vital factors to boost tourism in Bahrain.

"Tourism is not just a vacation, but involves a wide range of operations. There must be positive interaction of various activities related to promoting tourism. Each must complement the other to fulfil individual, social, moral and commercial needs," said Wafa.

He said the opening of the Causeway provided an effective channel to tourism growth in Bahrain.

The chairman of UNITAG called for the establishment of a tourism association within the GCC framework. He said such an association would greatly enhance and benefit tourism growth in member states.

Wafa also stressed that in order to realise the tourism goals of Bahrain, modern facilities and amenities, should not compromise with the country's rich heritage and culture.

According to Sheikh Rashid Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Assistant Under-Secretary of the Directorate of Tourism and Archaeology, in view of the early stages of tourism growth in Bahrain more time will be needed to develop tourism here as a major industry.

He said that Bahrain has vast potential to compete with international tourism in the next few years. He added that various plans are being implemented to develop potentially rich tourist sites such as Sanabis beach and Al Dor islands to attract Gulf tourists in particular and others in general.

Sheikh Rashid said that a large number of other Gulf nationals are aware of Bahrain's attractions and wish to visit the island. He added that more facilities will be required to make their stay as convenient and enjoyable as possible. "We are encouraging package tours to Bahrain on short visits," he said.

Bahrain's tourism industry is four years old. The Supreme Council of Tourism was established in early 1986 to promote and develop tourist facilities in the island in a bid to attract foreign visitors. In 1987 a total of 177,000 non-GCC overseas visitors visited Bahrain. Among the successful package tours to Bahrain last year was a group from Taiwan totalling 4000.

The Fourth Bahraini Tourism Seminar has been organised by the General Manager's Committee of the leading hotels of Bahrain in connection with the Directorate of Tourism and Archaeology of the Ministry of Information. Mohammed Buzidi, Chairman of GM's Committee and General Manager of Gulf Hotel, welcomed the participants to the opening session.

Sheikh Rashid Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa opened the two-day seminar which ends today.

11 new car parks in Kuwait City and Salmiya

KUWAIT has made remarkable progress in multi-storied car park construction in the last few years, according to Khalid Al Shatti, Director of Car Parks at Kuwait's Public Utilities Company.

In an interview with a local daily, Shatti said that the company presently managed and supervised about 23 car parks, of which eight are in the Capital and two in Salmiya.

He added that the company is also constructing another 11 surface car parks in the capital and two in Salmiya. These will be under operation after obtaining the necessary licences.

Shatti claimed that the company was playing a prominent role in activating business movement in the country through the organisation of car parks, adding that the commercial stores at the Capital have

seen a remarkable upswing in business since.

Meanwhile, he called on motorists to obtain annual car park subscriptions available from the company. He clarified that the annual subscription fees in the multi-storied car parks ranged between KD30 and KD70. In surface car parks, the subscriber will receive a book which contains 50 coupons. The book will cost KD5 and coupons will be valued at 100, 50 and 25 fils.

The company is planning to issue an annual subscription card which will enable bearers to benefit from all of its car parks, in Kuwait.

Shatti disclosed that the company has started extending summer services for those wishing to leave their cars in the car parks while on vacation, from May 15 to Oct 31 for a token of KD12.

Doctor claims diabetes cure

A PROFESSOR at the Biology Department at Kuwait University said that he has discovered a new medicine for the treatment of diabetes.

In an interview with a local daily Dr Nabil Al Salhi said that the medicine was one hundred percent herbal and has no side effects. He disclosed that laboratory tests conducted on 11 cases treated by him showed that five cases improved significantly.

Salhi said that the medicine consisted of wild herbs available in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine and was free of chemicals.

He gave that in the beginning he gave the medicine to some of his relatives who were diabetic and after two months he perceived encouraging results. The patients were between 25 to 60 years old.

Iraqi wins King Faisal prize for Islamic studies

BAHRAIN, Jan 14, (Agencies): An Iraqi has been awarded the 1988 King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies while the Arabic Literature prize went to a Syrian and an Egyptian, state-owned Riyadh television reported on Friday.

Two Americans, a Briton and a German were among seven winners.

King Faisal International Prize in Islamic Studies was given to Professor Saleh Ahmed Al Ali from Iraq for the excellence of his work in methodology, analysis, depth and originality contained in his two books, The Economic and Social Organisation of Basra in the first century AH and the

plan of Basra and its districts. Professor Youssef A. Khalifa of Cairo University and Professor Shakir Al Fahham, Vice Chairman of the Arabic Language Academy, Damascus shared the prize for Arabic Literature.

Dr Luigi Mastroianni, Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, shared the prize for medicine with Dr Robert Geoffrey Edwards, a professor of human reproduction at the University of Cambridge in England. Edwards was one of the doctors who assisted in the successful birth of the world's first test-tube baby in 1978.

Mastroianni, a professor of obstetrics and gynaecology, is running one of the leading in vitro fertilisation programmes in the United States and has been working on problems of infertility.

Dr Ahmed H. Zewail, also an American citizen, of the California Institute of Technology, won in the science category for his pioneering research in the field of spectroscopy and his contribution toward the realisation of laser-driven chemical reactions.

He shared the prize with Dr Theodor W. Hansch, a professor of physics at the University of Munich, West Germany, for his work in Laser Physics.

The Foundation Awards were created in 1976 in memory of the late Saudi Arabian monarch, King Faisal whose goal was to raise the standard of living of Islamic people. Nominations are made by leading institutions, not necessarily Islamic, from throughout the world. The prizes are increasingly growing to be considered the Arab equivalent of the Nobel prizes.

Each prize consists of a certificate containing the abstract of the winning work, a commemorative gold medalion and a cash award. Split prizes also split the cash award. A fifth prize, Service to Islam will be announced tonight.

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Facility for diplomats
KUWAIT, Jan 14, (KUNA): Acting Health Undersecretary Ibrahim Al Mudar issued a decision today where diplomats in Kuwait can freely use health facilities provided by the Kuwaiti government without carrying Civil Identity cards.
The decision excludes diplomats from procedures followed at the clinics where every citizen has to show his ID card before being registered in the clinic.
Environment meeting
KUWAIT, Jan 14, (KUNA): The Environment Protection Council opens meetings tomorrow evening under Planning and Acting Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.
The council will discuss the proposed construction site of the Kuwait University and review a report on the problem of wastes.

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GOING PLACES

Hema's images linger on

INDIAN actress Hema Malini's dances created the aura of seasons, with her mood changing from the sublime to the fiery as she danced nimbly-footedly, presenting a selection of semi-classical dances. Hema brought the freshness of spring to the Kuwait stage, a quality seldom seen during the previous money-spinning so-called "cultural extravaganzas" presented with Indian stars.

She charmed the audience at Friday night's Festival of Dances at the Andalus Cinema, gliding effortlessly from one mood to another, expressing varying emotions.

She deserved a larger turnout at her concert, one of the best imported cultural shows ever held in Kuwait. The crowds, it seems, fall for the purrs and pouts of the likes of Sridevi or Rekha but are indifferent to classical arts. Considering that the tickets cost much less than the exorbitant K.D. 25 (front rows) charged at previous shows, one fails to understand the poor turnout at the Hema show.

Hema Malini is a graceful performer and an artist who dances from the heart. Each expression — be it ecstasy or sorrow comes naturally as she flits on stage like a butterfly, emoting, acting and miming the varied emotions depicted in the semi-classical numbers.

The dances were choreographed with a touch of colour by Bhushan Lakandari.

One must admit that there was an influence of films in the sleek presentation, marked by an impressive use of shadow effects to offset the moods of the dances.

The show started in the backdrop of a rippling blue ocean with a dance called Ardhanare-shwar. Based on mythology, it depicted the strength of man and woman, both relying on each other, but differing in temperament.

Other impressive numbers were Kaamna, a yearning for the beloved; danced uninhibitedly by Hema and her troupe; Dharti, a number on the interdependence of man and nature; Indradhanush, a colourful dance symbolising

emotional nuances; and Durga, the finale, which projected the destruction of evil.

The Festival of Dances was fusion of several classical dances — like Bharata natyam, Odissi and Kathak — diluted with a folksy touch.

Hema was ably supported in several numbers by Bhushan Lakandari, a Kathak exponent, who danced with much vigour. However, one was disappointed by the plastic smiles pasted on the faces of the co-dancers, who were not in tune with the racy pace of the principal dancers.

The only defect was the absence of the rapport between the dancer and a live orchestra (although we knew that Hema would be dancing to pre-recorded music). Hema's costumes were gorgeous, designed aesthetically using pleasing colour schemes. But there was something amiss. Perhaps, the absence of a large audience?

Yet, the images of Hema's elvish, down-to-earth eloquence as Dharti or engulfing, fiery rage as Durga linger on...



Hema Malini: in an ecstatic mood



Konkani drama

TUJEM Sukh Moza Dusan was the title of a Konkani drama presented on Friday at the Labour Union Hall by the Goa Cultural Association. The play was written and directed by Rex de Bardez. Performers included the Mendes Brothers, Anthony and others. Above: a scene from the play.

on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

At the Holiday Inn
Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio. Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper club on Thursday nights. Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the Continental
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday: a la carte dinner.

At the Pullman
ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

At the international
THE Spanish extravaganza continues at the Fallaka Restaurant with Ballet Espanol, presented by the Paco de Alba trio. Spanish food is also featured. The Spanish gala with classical dances such as Flamenco will be held on Jan 19.



● Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty's paintings on silk went on show at the Ghadir Gallery last week. This is the first time the artist has painted on silk, experimenting with modern and impressionist art forms. Above: guests admire some of the paintings on show.

KTV prepares National Day shows

KUWAIT Television will present special programmes next month to celebrate the National Day of the country. KTV is currently preparing KTV Programmes. Director Bader Al Mudaf told KUNA. Al Mudaf said preparations are underway to broadcast the Islamic Soccer Tournament matches, which will be held next month. The tournament is being organised at the instruction of HH the Amir, who is the current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference. He said the ministry will set

up a relay station on Failaka Island within 18 months to improve KTV reception there. KTV is currently preparing several new local shows on various subjects, including special programmes for the young and the old, he said.

Local
At present, local programmes constitute 75 per cent of all shows transmitted on KTV.

Al Mudaf said that through the research department at the Information Ministry, they are studying audience response to

various shows to provide the "best entertainment" to viewers.

He said: "KTV is keen to keep the viewers happy, and we consider their preferences in selecting shows and fixing time slots."

Asked if KTV would transmit round-the-clock, he said, at present there are no such plans. "There is no need for 24 hour transmission because of the working hours in Kuwait and due to the lack of technical capabilities," he said.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Sultan Gallery
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8 pm.

Iwan Gallery
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salamiya.

Ghadir Gallery
JAN 15-24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

THEATRE

Kuwait Players
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala night including buffet. Jan 18 and 25 (6.30 pm) family night. Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 20: 3 pm, 5.30 pm. Jan 23: 5.30 pm: Mad-hatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets — KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

Gujarati Drama
THE Gujarati community in Kuwait will hold a full-length (three-act) play to commemorate the Nehru Centenary in May. Gujarati-speaking Indians who are interested in acting or helping backstage are requested to call 5618413 (9 am to 1 pm) or 5653279 (4-7 pm) before Jan 25.

Konkani Drama
FEB 3: The New G.O.A. will present the Konkani drama "Ekach Kazar," featuring M. Boyer, Betty Naz, Sabina, Rosario Dias and others, at the IAC. For reservations call 2402188.

SOCIAL

Sri Lankan Show
JAN 15: 4 pm. A Sri-Lankan get-together and variety show will be held at Dira Hall, Ramada Al Salam Hotel. The Sri Lankan United Arts Circle will present a music show with the Lakpals Band and Nirmalee.

Bangladesh Association
THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will organise drawing, story-telling and recitation competitions on the occasion of the Shahid Day (Martyrs Day). Only Bangladesh children up to the age of 15 are eligible to take part. Those who are interested contact any office bearer of the association or call Yusuf — Tel: 4314193.

Bharati Kalai Mandram
JAN 20: IAC, Funafites. The Bharati Kalai Mandram, a fine arts association of the Tamil-speaking community, will celebrate the Nehru centenary and Pongal, a harvest festival. A variety show featuring classical dances, drama and music will be held. For entry passes call 5331561.

Danish Meeting
JAN 20: Daniella will hold a desert picnic for all Danes from 10 am. For details call Karen-Marie — 3715146; Annette — 3723413.

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● All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Imraa Fi Duwamah: Arabic serial; part two. Starring: Aida Abdul Aziz, Salah Zulfikar, Tayseer Fahmi, Mohsin Sarhan
10.50 News Summary/Good Morning
11.00 Saghirat Alal Hayat: local Arabic serial; part two: starring Hayat Al Fahad, Zainab Al Dahi, Hind Kamel, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Sayeed Easa
12.00 That's Incredible
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Bambo: animated feature
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial



Dawood Hussein stars in Arabic serial Saghirat Alal Hayat, 11 am on KTV 1

7.00 News Summary
7.15 Songs and Music
7.50 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Dawaar Al Zaman: daily Arabic serial
10.45 Al Naas Wal Aghniya
12.15 News Summary
12.20 World News via Satellite
12.50 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

3.00 Opening & Holy Quran
3.35 Cartoons
3.55 Football match between Egypt and Kuwait
6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial

6.30 The Owl: a documentary for young viewers on wildlife. Tonight, research on the behaviour of dolphins.

7.00 Scientific Eye: "Fire." A look at fuel and energy.

7.30 The Pursuit of Happiness: "Boys Night Out."

8.00 News in English

8.40 Call Me Mister: one more murder and a break-in involve Jack and his partner in investigations.

9.40 Dive to Adventure: "Devil Fish."

10.00 What's Happening Now: comedy. Practical jokes are in vogue in tonight's episode.

10.30 Best-Seller: "The Man Who Lived at the Ritz." Perry King plays Philip Weber, the man who realises that it is worth taking risks for survival.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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Al Hadiha Pharmacy
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Al Hiba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahad and Ahmad Al Wafa Pharmacy
Dabbous St.
New Khaitan
Al Fahad Pharmacy
New Khaitan
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars
Starring: Jackie Chan
Al Salmiya
Funoon centre performance
Al Hamra
The Come Back
Starring: Holly Palance, Jack Jones
Drive-In
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer
Al Firdous
Pehchaan (Hindi)
Starring: Manoj Kumar, Babita
Al Jleeb
Athimappuram (Malayalam)

Fahad Open-Air
Shaque (Hindi)
Al Fahad
A Night on the Town
Al Jahra
Insaan (Hindi)
Granada
Five Deadly Angels
Salaftikat
The Glove
Ahmadi Drive-In
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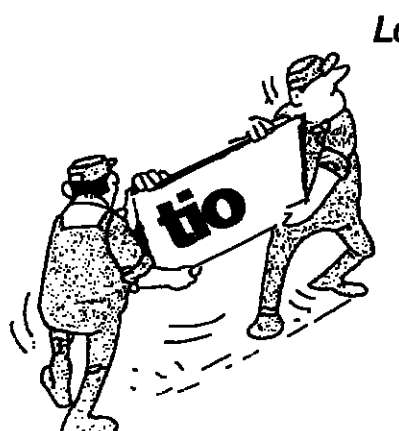
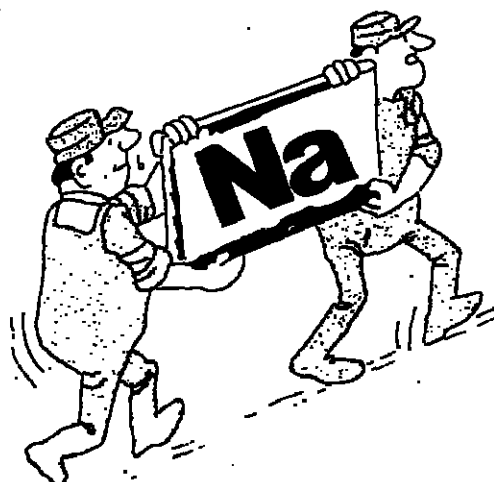
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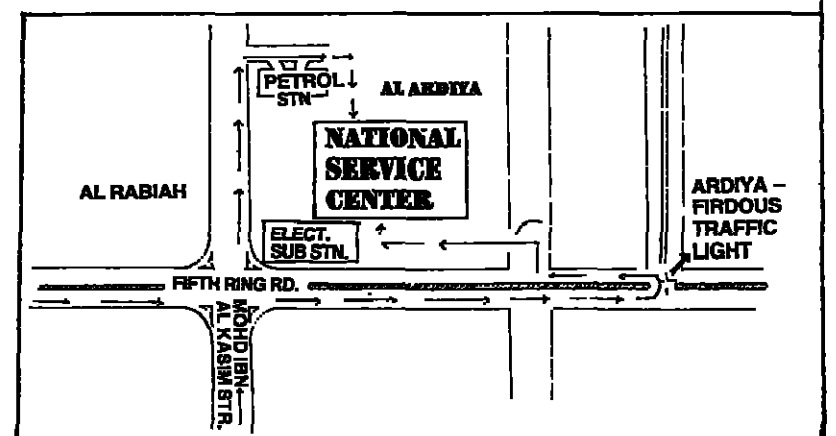
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Thought for today

BEING entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise.
— Sigmund Freud, Austrian psychoanalyst (1856-1939).

Amazing legacy of Ottoman empire

By Hugh Pope

ISTANBUL, (Reuters): In a historic quarter of Istanbul still known as the Sublime Porte, Turkish archivists are busy sorting out an amazing legacy of the Ottoman empire.

Hundreds of documents, ledgers and edicts in fine Arabic script are classified each day in a big new building near the Topkapı palace's Sublime Porte (or gate), whose name is synonymous with the Ottoman government.

"Each year we go several times faster than the year before," said İsmet Miroğlu, head of the Prime Ministry Archives.

There's still a long way to go. So far only eight per cent of an estimated 100 million documents have been sorted in the archives, the largest Ottoman repository.

The documents record in meticulous detail the administration from the 15th to the 20th century of an empire that once stretched from the Arabian Sea to the gates of Vienna.

Under Miroğlu's administration and Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Özal's new policy, scholars say large sections have been opened up already—within the existing rules that nothing after 1914 may be called up.

Pushing aside a last taboo, Turkey says it has set in motion the eventual release of all documents relating to the deportation of over a million Armenians from East Anatolia during the 1914-18 war.

It hopes access to the documents will settle a bitter controversy over Armenian claims that the Ottoman government ordered the genocide of their people.

The new Armenian section will be opened in April, coinciding with Armenians' commemoration of April 1915 when they say the killing of 1.5 million of their people started.

Turkish historians say about 300,000 Armenians, including irregular bands fighting alongside Turkey's Russian foes, died as well as millions of local people killed in the east.

Özal says republican Turkey, forged from the ruins of the Ottoman empire in 1923, has no

responsibility for Ottoman war policy. But Armenian militants have killed over 40 Turkish diplomats since the 1970s.

Scholarly volumes argue persuasive cases for both sides. Passionate accounts by European consultants of massacres in the east support the Armenian case. Turkey has published dozens of Ottoman documents showing that the cabinet sent orders for Armenians to be deported safely.

The Russian documents in Moscow, Tiflis and Yerevan should also be opened and European and US archives made full use of," said Turkish historian Enver Konuk.

Miroğlu said procedures which keep foreign scholars waiting up to nine months for permission to study would be eased. He said 70 foreign academics studied here in 1988, double the number five years ago.

The first set of Armenian-related documents to be made available in April will cover the years 1691 to 1895.

"They will come from all collections. Within three years we hope to sort out and make available everything on the Armenians up to the end of the Ottoman period," Miroğlu said.

"We really don't know what we have in our depots. Documents are stacked in everything from back rooms in old schools to wooden chests."

Other archives in the Topkapı palace, the general staff and major mosques have documents linked to the Armenians. It is not clear when or if they will be released.

Miroğlu denied charges that there had been any weeding-out of the documents, over half of which are meticulously-recorded financial transactions.

Even for Turks it takes years of study to acquire the skills to read any of these documents. Miroğlu has set up new university departments to supply 30 archivists a year.

Just in case memories slip in the big classification hall, walls are hung with maps and elaborate flow charts of how the divans and viziers of the Ottoman bureaucracy interacted.

Quayle's role undefined in Bush's administration

By Bud Newman

WASHINGTON, (UPI): As Dan Quayle prepares to become vice-president, he leaves behind a campaign during which his background was the subject of unprecedented controversy and ridicule and looks ahead to a still undefined role in George Bush's administration.

Quayle, 41, who this month resigned the Indiana Senate seat he held for eight years, will take the oath as the nation's 44th vice-president on Jan 20 shortly before Bush is sworn in as the nation's 41st president at noon.

As the first member of the post-war "baby boom" generation to be successful in a national election, Quayle brings to the vice-presidency youth, enthusiasm, good looks, 12 years of congressional experience, a passion for golf and conservative views aimed at appealing the right-wing constituency of the more moderate Bush.

But the gaffe-prone Quayle also brings to the nation's second highest job a lingering public doubt about whether his grasp of issues and his level of intellect and experience qualify him to be a heartbeat away from the Oval Office.

Preside
Bush has yet to say precisely what Quayle will do as vice-president although he may head a national space council. His only constitutional role, other than taking over for a dead or disabled president, is to preside over the Senate—a mostly ceremonial post whose only real task is to break rare tie votes.

"I am going to work as hard as possible to become a very effective vice-president and I think that I'll be able to meet that challenge," Quayle told reporters during a tour of the inaugural headquarters on Jan 5. Quayle was evasive when asked specifically what he will do as vice-president—probably because no decisions had been made by Bush or Quayle as of early January about Quayle's exact role, a key transition insider said.

"There are a lot of tasks, a lot of responsibilities, a lot of serious challenges that I'll be working with George Bush on," Quayle said.

Asked when those duties would be elaborated, Quayle said, "You'll see after I become vice-president."

"We've had a lot of talks about what we're going to be doing after Jan 20 and I want you to tune in and watch exactly what we do," he said.

But some critics see the delay in giving Quayle specific jobs as a sign that Bush and his advisers are stumped on how to use Quayle.

"It is not my impression that they intend to be giving him a lot to do," said liberal Rep. Barney Frank. Democrat-Massachusetts. "I don't think the people around Bush have a lot of confidence in his ability—they didn't have a lot of use for him in the campaign."

"So far it looks like on a hourly basis he will be one of the most over-compensated people in America," Frank said, adding that he expects that "even by vice-presidential standards he will be somewhat underutilized."

Quayle hinted earlier he might become more active on Capitol Hill than past vice-presidents. Bush rarely presided over the Senate during his eight years as vice-president.

Controversy enveloped Quayle immediately after Bush picked the obscure senator as his running mate Aug 16, the second day of the Republican National Convention in New Orleans.

Duty
The next day, reports surfaced that during the height of the Vietnam war in 1969, Quayle used his wealthy family's pull to get into an already full Indiana National Guard at a time when guard duty was seen as a way to avoid duty in Vietnam.

Quayle, who supported the Vietnam war, acknowledged "calls were made" on his behalf to help get him a spot in the Indiana Guard but denied impropriety.

Bush will fine-tune present American policy in Asia

Sino-Soviet summit caused only a long yawn

PREPARATIONS for a top-level Sino-Soviet summit meeting are now in progress. In the Seventies under the Nixon administration such a development would have aroused profound concern here. Nixon and Henry Kissinger wanted to hold, what was then called the "China-card," in their hand as part of their containment policy against the Soviet Union. Today, what seems to be a first step in a rapprochement between Moscow and Beijing, has aroused little comment here and virtually no concern of how it may affect the balance of power. As one high American official put it to me: "It caused a long yawn here."

Those experts who are responsible for American policy in Asia, when asked about President-elect George Bush's policies toward Asia say that they do not expect him to look for new policies, but only a "fine tuning" of the current ones.

Review
Nevertheless, what is forcing American officials to review virtually all policies are the various initiatives President Mikhail Gorbachev has thrown into the diplomatic hopper. It means essentially that the United States cannot anymore rely on people round the world considering the Russian bear an ugly, threatening beast. It has to devise more subtle policies to counter this Soviet peace offensive since the Kremlin decided not to pursue policies that are blatantly adversarial and to advocate arms control agreements to reduce military expenditures.

Actually, as the Pentagon sees it, there has been no change of Soviet military capacity in the Pacific. On the contrary, the number of ships in the area has increased. What has decreased is the number of ship-days out of port and at sea.

The Gorbachev offer to give up the huge, American built military base at Cam Ranh Bay if the United States would do the same with its bases in the Philippines was not taken seriously. The military value and position of the US bases in the Philippines are considered here infinitely more important than Cam Ranh

Bay is for the Soviets.

There is however a growing feeling here that other nations in the Pacific, especially Japan, will soon have to assume a greater share of the costs of the American defence of the area. There is even talk about Japan assuming responsibility for the defence of its own islands. Currently, Japan is only responsible for anti-submarine defences and tracking Soviet submarines.

Still, compared to the total cost of the US forces in the area, which is \$3-1/2 billion, the Japanese contribution now amounts to \$2-1/2 billion and if it went much higher, it would make the Chinese feel uncomfortable. In effect, Japan today shares more of the military costs of the US than the Europeans, and though few are aware of it, it has become a much more significant partner to the US.

During the Gulf crisis, for instance, Japan was almost ready to send some of its own ships into the Gulf. Its most useful contribution, though, are the funds Japan has been providing in support of Oman and Jordan and more generally, other security costs. It is the financial power Japan commands that gives it an increasing say in strategic affairs.

Willingsness
The fact that the South Korean government is getting used to discussing broader issues not only with the United States, but also with Japan, China and the Soviets is being welcomed here and so is the willingness to play its part in strengthening the strategic triangle the US, Japan and South Korea are forging.

For that reason it is particularly important to make sure that economic differences don't wash over into the security field.

Nobody quite knows what goes on in North Korea, except that it remains a close ally of China. In fact, the only close ally of China. Not unlike Albania in Europe, it continues to behave like a hermit kingdom, determined to live within its own narrow ideological and political confines and in economic stagnation. The recent overtures however made by the Chinese and Soviets to South Korea cannot but disturb North Korea's Kim Il Sung.

Kampuchea coming back to life

Phnom Penh prepares to face Khmer Rouge alone

By Denis D. Gray

PHNOM PENH, Kampuchea, (AP): Ten years ago, returnees from the Khmer Rouge killing fields—emaciated, diseased, dressed in black—scoured the streets for scraps of food. Phnom Penh was a virtual ghost city, and its suburbs held the bones of victims from the reign of terror.

Today, the city's population approaches 1 million. Markets brim with domestic produce from record harvests and imports shipped up from Singapore on the "Mekong Express." Private restaurants thrive and business ventures are being launched with Japanese and overseas Chinese investors.

But despite evident progress, the Phnom Penh government has yet to answer its most crucial question: Can it prevent a second victory by the Khmer Rouge without the Vietnamese military shield it has enjoyed over the past decade?

"People are asking themselves: 'Is this the end of the Khmer Rouge or are we in the eye of the hurricane?'" said one Western relief official with several years experience in Kampuchea.

Leaders of the internationally shunned, pro-Hanoi government expressed confidence that a "people's war" in the countryside could keep the tough guerrillas at bay—even if ongoing negotiations for a political solution failed.

"Vietnamese assistance... is considered very important, but final success depends on the Kampuchean people," Prime Minister Hun Sen told foreign reporters recently. "We still have another two years (before a total Vietnamese withdrawal), which we think is reasonable to build our forces."

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Analysts say Phnom Penh would ideally like to preserve the current People's Republic of Kampuchea (PRK) but invite participation by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of the three-party guerrilla coalition which includes the Khmer Rouge and two non-communist groups. The inclusion of the internationally prestigious prince, Phnom Penh believes, would bestow legitimacy on the government and undermine the Khmer Rouge.

But Kampuchean officials are on being able to go it alone as Hanoi moves to a promised total military pull-out by 1990—and if successful will make few political compromises.

The PRK has some grounds for optimism. Western aid officials here say Kampuchea—which in 1979 barely warded off famine thanks to a major international relief effort—is approaching self-sufficiency in food with an annual production of 2 million tons of rice and supplementary crops.

Vietnamese Ambassador Ngo Dien claims not a single village in Kampuchea has fallen under full guerrilla control while only some 5 per cent are under partial influence of the Khmer Rouge or their allies.

In 1979, when the Khmer Rouge fell to a Vietnamese invasion force, there were less than 50 doctors in the country and the education system had been obliterated. The Phnom Penh government says schools now are attended by more than 2 million and health care—although often woefully inadequate—extends to the grass roots.

While still one of the world's poorest nations by most standards, the economy appears to have been spurred by what one

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



Tension is also being defused between Kampuchea and the Soviet Union, on one hand, and China and Vietnam on the other, now that the Soviets and Chinese intensify their efforts to improve diplomatic relations between them. The Vietnamese, allied to the Soviets are reducing their forces in Kampuchea and the Chinese are becoming less hostile to the Vietnamese. What complicates this withdrawal is that the ruthless dictator Pol Pot, who used to control Kampuchea, could take advantage of the departure of the Vietnamese troops and with his well-trained forces take control of Kampu-

chea once again. In Indonesia, too, the winds of change are blowing. The small, tight elite that has been in control of the government for so long is losing its grip and a new generation is eager to assert itself. The transition in Taiwan has been surprisingly orderly and relations with the mainland China are improving in the unobtrusive Chinese way.

As the island is gaining in confidence, politically and economically and in its strategic position, travel restrictions have been eased and the prosperous Taiwan is increasing its financial and economic contribution to

the mainland, taking advantage of the almost limitless needs of China.

China, which once upon a time, invaded South Korea, is no longer seen as a direct threat either in Washington or in Seoul. But some of the early enthusiasm that prevailed after the normalization of relations under the Carter administration has cooled, American expectations of what this new relationship would bring were simply set too high.

Alliance
A close alliance, as some expected, was really never in the cards. What is troubling American policy-makers more than anything is Beijing's reluctance to stop proliferating its Silkworm missiles which were sold first to Iran, and could have become a great nuisance in the Iraq-Iran war, and then to Saudi Arabia.

American officials have been trying to convince the Chinese government that this kind of proliferation is highly destabilizing and that they hope that these protests have made Chinese officials more sensitive to the consequences of the spreading of these weapons. Indications are, according to American officials, that this proliferation has by now at least slowed down and that deliveries of the Silkworm missiles to Saudi Arabia are being delayed.

If the American government is indeed unconcerned, as its officials claim, about a rapprochement between China and the Soviet Union, there is nevertheless a disagreement among American experts about the future course of Sino-American relations.

The disagreement is about the likely evolution of these relations over the next 10 to 20 years. The majority among Sino-logists believes that China badly needs American investments, technology and know-how and that it will therefore want to have close relations with the United States.

The minority believes that the traditional mistrust of foreigners, the age-old principle that has served China so well over centuries, self-reliance, well assert themselves again and that

international relations with the United States will be based on loose rather than an alliance relationship to maintain a kind of loose balance between the United States and Soviet Union.

As one American official summed it up to me: "China is an enthusiastic bride, but a reluctant suitor." Still the majority among the experts is quite confident that China's needs can only be satisfied by the United States and will therefore show a definite partiality to maintaining a close co-operative relationship with Washington.

What will be different now that the Soviets seem to favour a kind of era of greater reasonableness, is that Dr. Kissinger's balance of power diplomacy has been overtaken by events and that the Chinese will not allow anybody to use them as a counterweight against the Soviets. American diplomacy accordingly, is changing. As one high official put it to me: "We have no intention of playing the China card against the Soviet Union, that would not be healthy."

Diplomacy
This reply illustrates the adjustments American diplomacy toward China and the Soviet Union has been undergoing. "We feel that we have been managing our policies in Asia quite successfully," the same American official concluded, "therefore no new policies should be expected from the Bush administration—only a fine-tuning of the old ones."

Meanwhile Washington is getting ready for the inauguration of George Bush. Hotel rooms are sold out, private homes rented. An avalanche of Republicans from all over the country is converging on the capital. Tickets for the inaugural ball cost \$10,000 per couple. Republicans are not as boisterous as Democrats, but they like to celebrate and they are happy to be remaining in control of the White House for at least another four years. It's different in Moscow. Yesterday I happened to stand with two American intelligence experts at a cocktail party. They were betting on Gorbachev's likely tenure. One bet three, the other five years...

Life is cheap and death swift on Italy's southern tip

By Terry Leonard

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The death toll compares with just 31 killings in the province of Rome, whose population of 3.7 million is more than six times that of Reggio Calabria.

Investigators say most of the Calabrian dead fell victim to a savage struggle for control of the drug trade or to a blood feud between two powerful organised crime families, a battle that has

been waged for 25 years. "In certain zones of Sicily, Calabria and Campagna (Naples) the possession of the territory by organised crime is total," Domenico Sica, Italy's high anti-Mafia commissioner, recently told parliament's anti-Mafia commission.

The "Ndrangheta"—like Italy's other two major organised crime groups, the Mafia in Sicily and the Camorra in Naples—consists of many independent clans—each making its own deals and alliances with other crime families.

The bosses of the "Ndrangheta, which means society of valorous men, rule their Calabrian territories through fear and intimidation.

Their retribution is swift and lethal, through cheaply hired killers.

One Rome-based investigator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the average price for a hired killing in Calabria is the equivalent of \$400. Freelance hitmen sometimes kill for free, hoping to curry favour with a certain boss.

Empire
Drugs are at the core of the criminal empire that links the "ndrangheta with the Sicilian mafia, Colombian cocaine kingpins in South America and heroin warlords in Asia.

Authorities estimate that Italian crime bosses earn \$10 billion to 12 billion a year from the international heroin trade, and that sales of cocaine and other drugs may push the total

beyond \$20 billion. The "Ndrangheta also profits from kidnapping rings that collect huge ransoms for release of prisoners, trading in counterfeit dollars, gun-running along the rocky coast and from "murder for hire" services.

Successful businesses pay extortion to avoid the torch, and corrupt politicians swell "ndrangheta coffers with millions of dollars misdirected from public works contracts, government development funds and investment schemes designed to benefit Italy's underdeveloped south.

Control
To reassert control, the government proposes expanding the powers of police investigating organised crime and drug trafficking. One measure would give police for the first time the authority to conduct undercover investigations—something forbidden in a postwar Italy that remembers Fascist abuses of police powers.

Interior Minister Antonio Gava also has promised better training for police, the formation of specialised departments, the creation of mobile groups to help in trouble spots and new local commissioners to oversee the war on crime in Calabria.

The government plans to train Lt Col Corrado Borruso, the commander of the Carabinieri paramilitary police in Reggio di Calabria on the frontline of the war against organised crime.

Borruso said he believes the government can defeat the "Ndrangheta, using the expan-

ded powers and undercover operations to go after the leaders and stop the killing. "It will be a struggle, really a long struggle," Borruso said in an interview. "We must seek to stop this slaughter through the arrest of the big bosses who pull the strings of all the 'Ndrangheta operations."

Defeat
But some other investigators question whether the Italian government has the political will to defeat organised crime.

Billions of dollars in illicit profits bolster the clout of the Mafia and "Ndrangheta, and some politicians owe their careers to votes collected by the mob.

Privately some investigators admit they can't penetrate the tight-knit clans of the "Ndrangheta and don't know enough about its operation or its relationships with the Camorra and the Mafia.

For example, they know the Calabrians help to smuggle tons of morphine base into Italy from Southwest Asia, to refine it and sell it in Europe and the United States through contacts with "Ndrangheta clans in Toronto.

But they don't know the details of the partnership with the Mafia, who really control the drug market, or how much the Camorra shares in the profits.

Underlings willing to testify against their Calabrian bosses are extremely rare. "He who is blind, deaf and dumb will live a hundred years," advises an Italian proverb on the

Soviet diplomat calls "silent perestroika," a reference to Moscow's own efforts to restructure its economy away from dogmatic Marxism. Phnom Penh has virtually abandoned all attempts to communalise farming and is currently debating the restoration of private land ownership. Taxes on the mushrooming private businesses and trade are low.

For the past year and a half, the battlefields have been relatively quiet and security has improved for the PRK side. The Khmer Rouge operate in small groups, strike in remote areas and in 1988 killed about 100, mostly lower-ranking government officials, according to Phnom Penh sources.

Vietnam and Phnom Penh say this low level of activity mirrors the weakness of the guerrillas. However, some Western analysts believe it means the res-

istance is focusing on political organisation and stockpiling of weapons for a showdown. "It is not a war of two armies facing each other but a war in the villages and this can be handled by the PRK," Dien said in an interview. "If the Kampuchean themselves cannot defend their villages then the Vietnamese can do nothing."

From most accounts the Phnom Penh Army—said by Western diplomats to number some 44,000 troops—has to date proved a lacklustre fighting force. "I'm worried. Disciplined armies win wars and the only disciplined ones around are the Khmer Rouge and the withdrawing Vietnamese," said a second Western aid official.

Vietnam says that after its recent seventh partial withdrawal, it has only 50,000 troops left in Kampuchea from a high of 200,000.

code of silence called the "omertà" or "diffidenza." The government's enemy also is formidable in its sheer size. Police say there are 156 "Ndrangheta" clans in Calabria, 93 of them in Reggio Calabria.

Police records list slightly over 4,000 members of the clans in Calabria. But investigators have said they believe that for every clan member on the list, there are at least two who have escaped identification.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1535 — King Henry VIII assumes title of "Supreme head of the church" in England.
- 1582 — Peace of Jam-Zapolski between Russia and Poland is signed, with Pope Gregory XIII mediating, by which Russia loses access to the Baltic.
- 1649 — French court leaves Paris at outbreak of Fronde rebellion.
- 1877 — Austria agrees to remain neutral in event of Russo-Turkish war.
- 1910 — French Congo is reorganised as French Equatorial Africa.
- 1919 — Ignace Jan Paderewski becomes first premier of newly created Republic of Poland.
- 1922 — Irish Free State is established under Michael Collins.
- 1932 — France completes pacification of French Morocco.
- 1936 — Japan walks out of London naval conference.
- 1943 — Japanese forces are driven from Guadalcanal Island in Pacific in World War II.
- 1963 — The Congo's President Moise Tshombe accepts United Nations plan for secession of Katanga.
- 1966 — Death count surpasses 400 as flood refugees begin returning to hillside homes in Brazil's capital of Rio de Janeiro.
- 1969 — Three Soviet cosmonauts are launched in spacecraft to link up with capsule already in orbit.
- 1970 — In Nigeria, dissident leaders of Biafra pledge to support government after surrendering.
- 1973 — Pope Paul VI tells Israel's Prime Minister Golda Meir at Vatican he supports an international Jerusalem.
- 1986 — Communist Party chief Mikhail Gorbachev announces that Soviet Union is proposing plan for "ridding the earth of nuclear weapons within 15 years."
- 1988 — Soviet Union offers proposal which it calls prerequisite to agreement for cutting intercontinental nuclear forces by 50 per cent.

'Tellington touch' baffles scientists

This lady has a way with animals

By Kate Saunders

A TIGER looks as if it is going to put the bite on its helper... a python has stomach ache... nobody can tame that wild horse with an "ornery" mind of its own. So they send for a slightly-built blonde with a magic touch.

Any time, anywhere in the world, when the call comes, 50-year-old Linda Tellington-Jones is ready to jet into action from her New Mexico home.

She will amaze zoo keepers by calming down a super-aggressive tiger by gently massaging its gums. Forget the teeth, that gentle touch never fails.

She has calmed a python in San Diego, California, soothed a rare snow leopard in Zurich, Switzerland, and tamed wild mustangs throughout the USA.

How does she do it? Even Linda doesn't really know. All she can tell you is that she calms fierce beasts by rubbing in a little circles on their bodies.

And, in some mysterious way,

Linda gets into the very mind of her angry patients and knows just what is wrong with them.

For example, Joyce the python just could not stretch out to her full 20-foot length in her small cage at San Diego Zoo in California.

When I spoke to Linda, who was brought up in the wilds of Canada, she opened her amazing casebook for me.

Her treatment of the Burmese python Joyce is one of her most moving experiences.

The python's breathing was wheezy, and it twitched all over as it lay curled in its cage.

Body

Linda started doing gentle, small muscle lifts all over the reptile's body. After 20 minutes, she stretched the sinuous long body out full length while a whole line of people rhythmically lifted sections of the reptile up and then down. After this, Joyce was given a long relaxing bath, and then Linda started working on the place where it had been so

twitchy before. She was astonished when the python put its nose very close to her hand.

Linda remembers: "When I finished, the python slowly raised itself up above my shoulder level and put the side of her head gently against my neck... I was moved beyond words. We have it on film and tape and when the editors who had not been present watched the film that night, they were moved to tears. Everyone said it changed their way of seeing snakes completely."

In 1985, Linda was called to Zurich Zoo in Switzerland, where three seven-month-old snow leopards were dying of a mystery breathing illness. She was only allowed to work on one of the extremely rare animals for half an hour.

She says: "With every breath bloody mucus came bubbling out of its nose. After my treatment, the cub was breathing normally, and later gained weight." Linda, who also believes in the

power of the imagination, said that as she was working on one cub, "I was visualising in my imagination a recovery of all three."

Zoo keepers and vets were astounded when the three cubs made a complete recovery. But Linda was not surprised.

She says she was inspired in her work by dreams of a circle of animals sitting together concentrating on sending her messages.

"I've often felt whispers of the animal kingdom as though they were helping me find a way," she tells me.

This psychic communication has led Linda to believe that animals' aggression always comes from fear or frustration at being held captive in zoos.

Urgently

She was once called urgently to Cincinnati Zoo in Ohio when a tigress suddenly turned savage and started to bite, endangering its keepers.

Linda's method was to stroke the fiery-tempered beast with her hands, in small circles.

She says: "Once I was able to make circles on her gum, inside her mouth, she lost her aggression. That was the first tiger I have done, but what I do is become one with the tiger and think and feel like a tiger as I work."

The "Tellington touch" is always successful with wild, vicious horses.

Linda has lost count of the number of "untamable" mustangs she has tamed, to the delight of their owners.

She starts off by using four foot-long poles, which is called a wand because it "works like magic" — to stroke the animals body.

She says: "I have done this with really wild, aggressive horses. Then you start working all over the horses body with your hands, when it has calmed down. After a while, you ask it to lower its head... and once this has happened, you've won — as fight and flight are always connected."

Although Linda doesn't know how her magic works, she believes it has been handed down from her father, who was a



Consoling a cockatiel.

cavalry officer, and her grandfather.

Her grandfather was a race-horse trainer who worked for the Czar of Russia in 1901.

Philosophy

"His philosophy was to talk to horses to find out what they were feeling," says Linda. "He used to instruct his groom to spend a long time rubbing horses down

with his hands — which is similar to what I do."

When she was married, she and her husband studied ancient horse and animal lore of the gypsies and American Indians.

But a turning point came when Linda visited a Swiss zoo 13 years ago. One of the animals there was a female gorilla, sitting "in loneliness and desperation" in the corner of her cage.



Loving care for a llama.

Linda says: "She sat there glowering, constantly shifting her positions of boredom... moving in a tight emotionally traumatized gait to a corner of her cell... I made a vow that somehow I would make a difference to animals in zoos."

Although they are baffled by the success of the "Tellington touch" scientists say it works by "activating beta waves and the

function of the cells." But Linda says: "Who can explain it? — I certainly can't. But I do believe we can all talk to animals — and that they are able to understand us."

Whatever the answer is to the mystery of Linda's magic touch, one thing is certain. It brings more than a spell of happiness to fierce animals all round the world.



Linda strokes Joyce, a Burmese python.

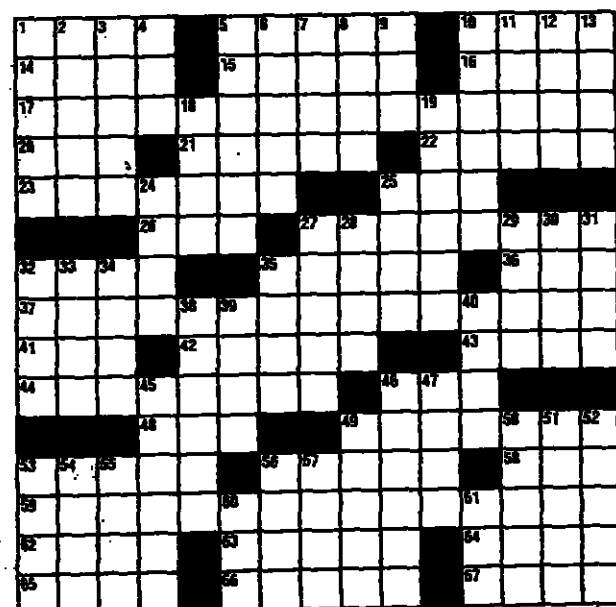


Linda Tellington has a go at massaging an iguana.



Tellington with her fingers in the mouth of an African lynx.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Showed up
- 5 Author Alex
- 10 Seer's reading matter
- 14 Was in arrears
- 15 Play to the balcony
- 16 Inter follower
- 17 Puccini opera
- 20 "...it —, be not afraid": Matt. 14:27
- 21 Pauli Lupone role
- 22 Medical pics
- 23 Garland
- 25 August baby
- 26 Fleet monogram
- 27 Slaughterhouse
- 32 Cut off
- 35 Cat — tails
- 36 Uno plus due
- 37 Humperdink opera
- 41 Subordinate Claus?
- 42 W.W. II riveter
- 43 "Buffalo Bill"
- 44 Rent sharer
- 46 Mar's follower
- 48 First or foreign
- 49 Thespian
- 53 With force
- 56 Inventor Howe
- 58 Year, in Spain
- 59 Wagner opera
- 62 Concluded
- 63 Final stanza
- 64 Fortune-teller's phrase
- 65 Hawaii's state bird
- 66 "Samson et Dalila" composer
- 67 Kind of moss

DOWN

- 2 Flooded
- 3 Radio and TV
- 4 Author LeShan
- 5 "Can Wait"
- 6 Circuit
- 7 Awkward one
- 8 Henri ender
- 9 Still
- 10 Mimic
- 11 Code word for "a"
- 12 Diva Pons who sang "Lucia"
- 13 Baseball's Willie
- 18 Blanc and Brooks
- 19 Cathedral city in Devon
- 24 Litter members
- 25 Director Fritz
- 27 "Hall": Allen
- 28 Wait awhile
- 29 Palindromic name
- 30 In a snit
- 31 Have trust in, with "on"
- 32 1987 Oscar winner
- 33 "Le Roi d'Ys" composer
- 34 Data, briefly
- 35 Eject
- 36 Royal fur
- 39 Fill the hold
- 40 Neutral shade
- 45 — d'hôtel
- 46 Athos' friend
- 47 Sit
- 48 "of Athens"
- 49 Ferneta
- 51 Nine, in combinations
- 52 Thesaurus man
- 53 Stravinsky ballet score
- 54 Change addresses
- 55 "o'clock scholar"
- 56 Millay, the poet
- 57 Bathe
- 60 Thing, in law
- 61 Long sleeper

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SALT SPUR AJAR
TREE SHAKO REPO
OTIE TOTES BLOT
OER HARI ISOLDE
PLANE GEOMETRY
ORG ORO BOA
LISA EMIT AGERS
ON THE RIT TRACK
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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

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♥ 8 5 3

♦ A 10 8 7 5

♣ 7 6 2

EAST

♦ J 10 9 7 3

♥ Q 10

♦ J 6 4 2

♣ J 10

SOUTH

♦ A Q 2

♥ A 7 6 4

♦ K Q

♣ A 8 4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ♠. Follow the play of this hand. At the end, decide who, if anyone, is guilty of an error.

With his balanced hand, South elected not to bid his weak major suit in favor of the descriptive jump to two no trump. North's raise to game was automatic.

West led the top of his spade sequences. To preserve an entry to

dummy, declarer won in the closed hand. He had eight fast tricks, and the obvious place to establish a ninth was in diamonds. So he cashed the king-queen, crossed to the king of spades and tried the ace of diamonds. Since these maneuvers did not drop the jack, declarer had no way to fulfill his contract.

Have you reached a verdict? Declarer was guilty of a major lapse in technique. His line was correct if he needed five tricks in diamonds, but he required only four. With but one side entry to dummy, there was a far superior line to establish a fourth trick.

At trick two, declarer should cash the king of diamonds, then overtake the queen with the ace to lead a third round of the suit. That gives declarer three chances to set up a fourth trick in the suit: 1. If the diamonds are 3-3; 2. if either defender holds a singleton or doubleton jack; or 3. if either defender holds a singleton or doubleton 9! In the latter two cases, declarer simply forces out the defenders' remaining high card in the suit and he still has the king of spades as a dummy entry to cash the established cards in the suit.



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The signs are in your favour only do not expect too much. Mars' better influence coupled with that of Mercury will help you to avoid some pitfalls. Make sure you are correctly dressed for the occasion. Be magnanimous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

This is going to be an interesting day for you. You should discuss an offer or proposal carefully before deciding to accept it. Leave yourself with enough room for manoeuvre. Be courteous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Once you have made up your mind to do not allow moss to grow under the trees. Your social prospects are better. Do not say one thing then do another. Be tolerant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You would be wrong to try to get your own back. The better influence of Jupiter will help you to make amends for a wrong you have done. You still have a lot to learn. Be more cautious.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Instead of trying to resist change adapt yourself to it. The Moon's influence will tend to render you a little more irascible. Do your best to keep out of the way of trouble. Be temperate.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not expect others to behave exactly as you would wish them to. You should not do anything too out of the ordinary just now. Do not say the first thing that comes to your mind. Be hopeful.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

The situation is a little complex but you will know how to deal with it. Do not attempt to run before you can walk. Take sufficient exercise, but nothing too fierce. Be sincere.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should make sure others understand what you are saying. You should not expect things just to happen. Avoid getting into an argument about nothing. Be fair.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should be on the lookout for hidden meanings. Avoid taking on more commitments than you can readily deal with. Keep your expenditure within reasonable limits. Be moderate.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will have the mental resources needed to deal with the situation. Others will be more favourably inclined towards you. You should not think that you are indispensable. Be consistent.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should not try to do in a minute what really takes two or three but nor should you idle. Try to see the situation from every conceivable angle. Do not be shy to show your love. Be reputable.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

The prospects are good only you must not expect something for nothing. Try to take your mind off work for the day. Think a little longer and harder before you make up your mind. Be kind.

SNIPPETS

Cyprus to open up for Filipino workers

FILIPINO nurses and garment workers will be allowed to work in Cyprus as soon as a new policy liberalising rules on the entry of foreign workers is finalised.

Philippine labour attaché to Cyprus Alfred Rosario said despite strong union pressures, the Cyprus government is inclined towards opening its doors to selected categories of workers.

At present, only domestic helpers and seamen are allowed to work there. Only diplomats and executives or foreign companies based in Cyprus can employ domestic helpers.

Filipinos safe in Libya, says envoy

THE Libyan embassy in Manila has assured the government that Filipino workers in Libya were safe, contrary to reports that they were in danger.

Libyan Ambassador Salem Adem said there was no truth to reports that the Libyan government had been asked to provide security to Filipino workers in the companies where they are working as a result of the shooting of two Libyan planes by US fighter jets in the Mediterranean Sea.

At present, there are about 37,500 Filipino workers in Libya, most of them nurses.

Thieves end up in funeral parlour

THE two suspected car thieves who were abducted by six unidentified men late last year in Quezon City were found lying in state in a funeral parlour in San Juan, Metro Manila.

The suspects, Abraham Penafior, 37, and Ernesto Manlangit, 31, both of 23 ROTC Hunters St., Barangay Tatalon, Quezon City, were found by Penafior's wife, Revelona, at Fumeneria Oro.

Police said the two were abducted while watching a basketball game near their house by six men who dragged them inside an unlicensed blue and white car last Dec 26.

Three days later they were found dead along Lt Arriaga st. in San Juan with gunshot wounds in different parts of the body.

Gold rush engulfs Mindanao

GOLD rush has engulfed the whole of Mindanao and the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences (BMG) has its hands full regulating activities of hundreds of thousands of gold panners.

"Gold rush areas are everywhere (in Mindanao) and all of them are still illegal," said BMG director Guillermo Balce.

PAL employees to go on strike

SOME 7,000 rank-and-file employees of the Philippine Airlines (PAL) filed a notice of strike before the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) after an impasse negotiations for on salary increases between union and management.

The employees, all members of the Philippine Airlines Association (PAEA), and represented by its president George Pulido, said that for the past two years, Union representatives and management have not come up with any plan or agreement to increase the employees' salaries.

Once the notice of strike is approved by the DOLE, PAL's international and domestic operations will be paralysed. Eighty per cent of PAL's personnel are union members.

American arrested in Iloilo

PHILIPPINE authorities have arrested an American sought by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation for allegedly sending a loaded revolver to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in 1985, immigration officials said.

Wilfredo Poguez of the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) said Roger Simpson, 46, of Los Angeles, California, was arrested last month in Iloilo on a warrant from the FBI.

Poguez said Simpson, who was brought to Manila, would probably be deported to the United States within 10 days.

Poguez said Simpson was accused of sending a package containing a .38 calibre Smith and Wesson revolver, cartridges, a holster a pair of gloves, and a handkerchief to the former American first lady in March 1985.

Asian Research Organisation survey results

Majority against Marcoses return

By Ben Malumay, Per de La Torre

SIXTY-ONE per cent of Filipinos are against the return of deposed President Marcos, a nation-wide survey by the Asian Research Organisation (ARO) revealed.

The Malacanang-sponsored survey also found out that 38 per cent are in favour of Marcos' return and some two per cent are undecided.

The ARO survey was done in November, its results made available to reporters by Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno yesterday.

Only two regions — Ilocos and Cagayan Valley — were in favour.

Respondents were also asked if Marcos should be tried for crimes he allegedly committed against the Philippines government.

The survey registered 77 per

cent in favour, 18 per cent not in favour and five per cent undecided.

All the remaining 13 regions agreed that Marcos be tried.

Asked if they believed that Marcos is guilty of the accusations, 75 per cent said Marcos is guilty, 17 per cent answered not guilty and only nine per cent said they do not know.

Senate President Jovito Salonga said former President Marcos can be allowed to go home if it can be verified that he is seriously ill.

"Perhaps he could be allowed to do an alternative which the former president of South Korea pursued," Salonga said.

Salonga was referring to former President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea who went on self-exile after making a national apology for his sins against his people.

"Not only did he apologise but (he also) made an explicit

admission of his guilt and a full restitution," Salonga said.

"The former president was brought to the hospital because of congestive heart failure, not heart attack," Salonga said of Marcos.

Even a healthy person charged under the racketeering law of the United States will get sick, Salonga said.

"In the case of Mr. Marcos, siguradong magkakasakit lalo," Salonga said.

"Hindi biro ang trials under the American system, araw-araw," Salonga stressed. "Unless there is strong reason to postpone it."

"The evidence in the indictment of Marcos is largely documentary," Salonga said. "It is very difficult to overcome the weight of documentary evidence."

"Kung talagang malubha si Pres. Marcos, it will not do anyone good but to postpone the trial," Salonga said.

By Humphrey Hawksley

THE government of President Aquino appealed for calm between Muslims and Christians, and a night curfew remained in force in Zamboanga City, still tense after a weekend rebellion by renegade Muslim policemen.

Unidentified men threw two hand grenades into the crowd at the basketball game in the southern Philippines last week killing up to 26 people, mainly children and teenagers, in the second outbreak of violence in the area in less than a week.

The grenade attack took place on the island of Mindanao in a remote village near Cotabato City, a predominantly Christian area. One police account described the basketball court as strewn with bodies. People fled for cover, leaving the wounded behind, because they feared another explosion. More than 80 people were reported wounded, many seriously.

Aquino appeals for calm in troubled Zamboanga City

Both Muslims and Christians were among the victims. The military blamed Muslim guerrillas, but Mr Shariff Zain Jali, the spokesman and religious adviser for the main separatist group, the Moro National Liberation Front, said his fighters were not responsible. "We do not kill civilians," he said.

The Liberation Front forged a truce with President Aquino soon after he came to power in 1986, but Mr Zain Jali said that there had been several violations by the military. "The situation is not normal," he said. He did not rule out the possibility that a splinter group might have carried out the attack.

The Philippines Congress is

debating a new law to grant partial autonomy to parts of the southern Philippines.

Its aim is to satisfy the independence demands of the Muslim community, but the initiative has been rejected by the Liberation Front and extremist Christian groups.

The southern Philippines is traditionally lawless. Tension is high because of Muslim-Christian friction and because the national government is accused of neglecting development there.

Senator Aquilino Pimentel, one of the authors of the autonomy bill, said: "Unless Mindanao gets its rightful share, the country may lose the whole island itself by force ... The

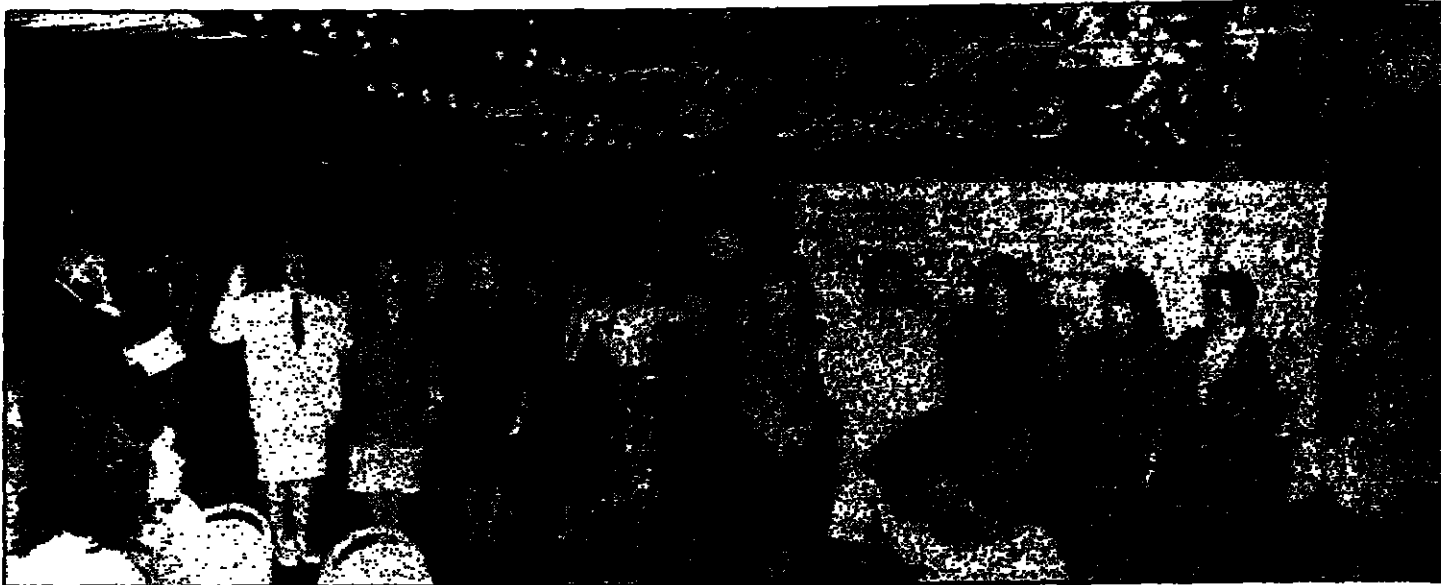
explosion may come sooner than you think."

The military was still attempting to clarify whether the leader of the Zamboanga rebellion, Rizal Ali, was among the dead or had escaped, as was earlier reported.

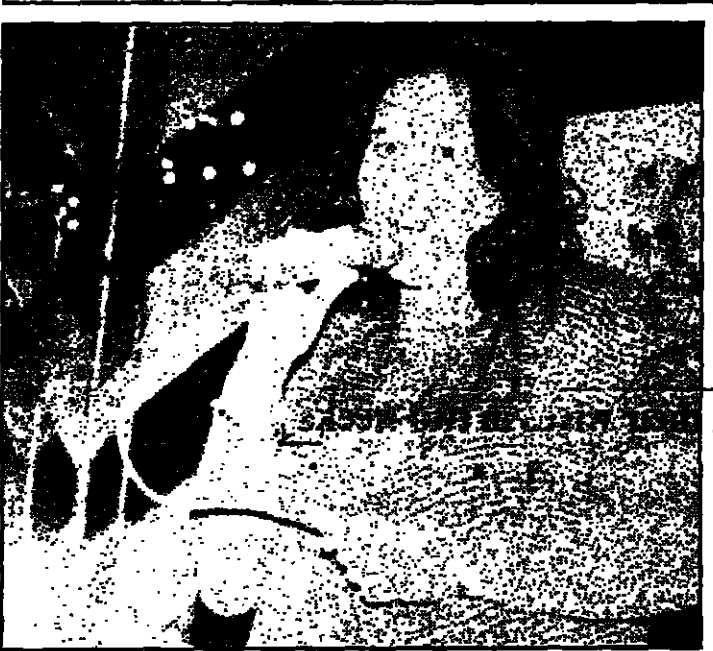
Nineteen bodies have been recovered from the burnt-out remains of the building Ali and some 50 Muslim policemen seized, and from a mosque nearby.

The bodies of a general and a colonel, taken hostage by Ali, have been flown to Manila. Ali was summoned to the camp as part of a military clampdown on corruption. He was implicated in murder and smuggling.

KAPILKU, FLASSIK officers sworn in for '89



The newly-elected office bearers of the two largest Filipino organisations in Kuwait, KAPILKU and FLASSIK, were sworn into office by the consul-general of the Philippines, Fortunato Obiena, at a glittering ceremony at the Meridien Hotel on Friday, January 13. FLASSIK office bearers taking the oath. A crooner delighted the audience (left) as did the dancer.



Bride exports increasing

THE Philippines doesn't only export bananas, mangoes and shrimps to Japan. The country is also emerging as Asia's top exporter of brides to the Land of the Rising Sun through Japanese marriage bureaus.

The phenomenon was denounced recently by leaders and members of the Sisterhood is Global Network (SIGN), a global coalition of women, as the "continuing commoditization" of women from the Third World.

"We continue to serve not only the demands of the First World for raw farm products such as bananas and mangoes — and also their demand for brides," said Philippine representative to SIGN Mary Grace Ampil-Tirona in a recent women's forum in Baguio City attended by Japanese feminist, educator, and author Keiko Higuchi.

Droves of Filipinas, in an effort to get out of the clutches of Philippine poverty, have in recent years been responding to the search for brides by Japanese male farm folk.

Because of industrialization and the increase in literacy among Japanese women, most of the latter migrate and find jobs in the cities where they eventually marry. The result: lack of brides for Japanese men in the countryside. Hence the need for Japan to import brides.

Arranged by city or town government officials in both countries through marriage agencies, the "export of brides" from Asian countries has become a big commercial activity in Japan.

Although the actual number of these brides is not available, most exported brides are from the Philippines, Ryukoku University professor Nakamura Hisashi wrote recently in Ampo, a Tokyo-based quarterly.

The number of Japanese who applied for a "certificate of fulfillment of required conditions for marriage," issued by the Japanese Embassy in Manila and necessary for a wedding in the Philippines, was reported at 743 from January to June 1987, said Hisashi. Hisashi said this translates into some 1,500 annual marriages by Filipino women to Japanese men.

In the Cordillera upland region alone, said Divina Bautista, wife and assistant of a Baguio City university president who also helps co-ordinate arranged marriages in this city, at least 25 women have been wed to Japanese farmers since 1986.

Many Filipino women find out too late that it's not all roses in Japan.

Left alone most of the time at home while her Japanese husband tends the farm, the Filipino wife often suffers from loneliness, depression and boredom, not to mention culture shock, says Japanese representative to SIGN, Keiko Higuchi.

She told women's groups here, led by the non-governmental Cordillera Women's Resource Center, that due to Japan's protectionist posture even in cultural influence, many Filipina wives' experiences of culture shock and depression are severe and have led to divorces, separations, and,

worse, suicides.

What is shocking, said Higuchi, is that Japanese tradition and culture demands that Filipina wives "merge" into Japanese lifeways.

The Filipina wife in Japan, she says, eventually becomes "instrumentalized" because men's purpose in marriage is to bear children. Problems arise, she adds, when couples fail to beget children.

The general image of the Filipina, especially in rural Philippines, is docile and submissive, catering to the whims of Japanese men whose ideal bride is "obedient, diligent and frugal — a doll," Yamazaki Horomi also said in Ampo.

He also described as "blatant racism and sexism" the qualifications for brides circulated by Japanese marriage agencies.

He cited a document "circulated internally" by the International Friendship Association, a marriage agency based in Higashi Iyayama in Tokushima Prefecture, requiring that prospective Filipina brides must be high school graduates (i.e., educated, able to speak English, and with middleclass backgrounds).

Secondly, the Filipina bride must have no experience of going abroad, no work experience in Manila and no knowledge of Japanese (i.e. not a prostitute).

Thirdly, she must be between the age of 18 and 25 and able to adapt to a different society, able to learn Japanese quickly, and honest.

(Philippine News and Features).



PBA '89: the haggling season begins

MORE than half the number of cagers who saw action in the highly successful 14th year of the pro league will be at the bargaining rooms prior to the start of the 15th PBA season in March.

At the stroke of midnight last December 31, the contracts of 33 PBA players expired. And on January 31, 13 other players will see their agreements with teams come to an end.

Yes, it's that time of year again when PBA players and their agents haggle with team owners for the right price, the right playing conditions and other miscellaneous items.

Some of these players will see their contracts fattened further. Some will settle for less than what they got the previous time around. And, perhaps, a great many will reach the end of the line of their playing careers.

These are the facts. Hard facts. Of the lot, no doubt the brightest stars are Avelino Lim and Allan Caidic who immediately after the end of the 14th season were swamped with offers from different ballclubs owing to their different ballclubbing and immense drawing power, box-office-wise.

Of the 46 players, nine have already been signed by their ballclubs. These are Elmer Reyes, Alfie Almarino and Samboy Lim of San Miguel, Harmon Codinera and Romulo Mamaril of Anejo and Rey Cuenca, Onchie dela Cruz, Freddie Hualde, and Jimmy Manansala of Shell.

Of the nine cagers, Lim drew the most lucrative contract, it has yet to be official, but sources claim that the "skywalker" will be getting P2 million from San Miguel which is dead-set on keeping their ace inside their backyard. Previously, Lim's pact was worth P1.2 million.

Others whose contracts have expired on December 31 are:

Shell — Leopoldo Herrera, Aurelio Jalmasco and Many Victorino.

Presto — Alejandro Perez, Ranulfo Robles, Arnulfo Tuedes, Philip Cezar, Joy Carpio, Abe King, Bernie Fabiosa, Fortunato Co, Allan Caidic, and Arturo Cristobal.

Alaska Milk — Tim Coloso, Marte Saldana, and Ludovico Valenciano.

Purefoods Corp. — Jose Bernado Yango, Willie Generalao, Manuel Luis Marquez, Alberto Guidaben and Federico Israel.

San Miguel Beer — Ricky Cui, Samboy Lim and Yves Dignadice.

Anejo Rhum — Mukesh Advani

Those whose contracts are expiring on January 31 are: Shell — Leovino Austria, Romy Ang and Victor Sanchez. Presto — Santiago Cabatu.

Alaska Milk — Alejo Alolor, Frankie Lim, William Pearson and Elpidio Villamin.

Anejo Rhum — Ed Duct and Zaldy Latoza.

Considered free agents are Demetrio Antonio and Angelito Esquerra of Shell and Antero Saldana of Alaska.

With Lim already coming to terms with San Miguel, it seems that Caidic will now be the main target of other teams. But Presto mentor Baby Dalupan said that his team is willing to match any offer by any other ballclub.

Guidaben, frustrated in his bid for a third Most Valuable Player award last season, has hinted he would like to join Anejo and play alongside Sonny Jaworski.

However, he also said that he might stick it out with Purefoods if "the price is right."

Still on the Hotdogs, it was reported that three ex-Tanduay cagers — Yango, Generalao and Israel are holding out on renewal of their contracts and would like to join other teams instead.

Purefoods is willing to let Israel go to Presto in favour of Cabatu. Generalao might wind up with Alaska while Yango may go to Anejo.

Likewise, Purefoods might get Valenciano in favour of Generalao as it wants an outside shooter badly.

There are reports that at least three new firms are eyeing membership in the PBA. Commissioner Rudy Salud earlier said that eight teams would be ideal for the league. But nine, at any rate, would be better.

If the PBA ends up with nine teams next season, it is a certainty that most of the players whose contracts expire will surely get employed. This, coupled with the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) move to restrict the elevation of amateur stars to the pro ranks.

Passport rules tightened

FILIPINOS going overseas will be required to secure clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation and go through an interview before they are issued passports starting next month.

Department of Foreign Affairs officials said the new requirements are being imposed to prevent the issuance of multiple passports to individuals which compromises the integrity of the travel document.

However, these requirements need not be followed by persons renewing their passports, DFA officials added.

The foreign office decided to tighten up procedures by persons renewing their passports after receiving reports that a number of Filipinos abroad had been found to possess two or more passports.

Ambassador Alunan Glang in Kuwait earlier reported to the foreign office that 30 Filipino workers, who had no job contracts, were caught carrying two Philippine passports — one for contract workers and the other for tourists — when they arrived in Kuwait.

Similar cases have been reported by the Philippine ambassadors in other Middle Eastern countries, Japan and Korea who advised the home office that unless the practice is stopped, the

Philippine passport would lose its value and credibility.

Officials of the DFA consular office said going through the interview and securing an NBI clearance should not prove too inconvenient for travellers since these will be required only of those applying for their first passports.

Contract workers, however, are already required to get a clearance and pass an interview conducted by the Philippine Overseas Employment Authority.

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said passport offices will soon be opened in some strategic areas in Metro Manila like Cubao and Makati. The opening of the new offices is expected to ease the processing of passports which is now being done at the department's main office.

The DFA also announced that effective today passports will no longer be stamped. "Not valid for employment." The practice of stamping the prohibition has been widely criticised as demeaning to Filipino travellers who are made to feel like the government suspects them of intending to seek overseas jobs illegally.

Holders of passports bearing this notice can have it removed at the consular office, the DFA said.

Low awareness on AIDS

By Eddee Rh. Castro

A NATION-WIDE survey conducted by the Department of Health (DOH) in 1987 and 1988 showed that Filipinos' awareness of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), a global health problem, is very low.

Compared to 35 other countries throughout the world, the Philippines ranked 31 with a 78 per cent score.

In the Philippines, residents in the Visayas and Mindanao are more aware of AIDS than Metro Manila, the survey said.

The survey also found out that the fact that many Filipinos are still not fully aware of AIDS is worsened by the problem that they believe in "myths" more than facts on AIDS, especially its mode of transmission.

AIDS is still primarily transmitted through sexual intercourse with an infected partner. That is why the DOH is encouraging the use of condoms, while the WHO urges the practice of safe sex.

It can also be transmitted through blood transfusion and by an infected mother to a child during birth. Myths of AIDS include beliefs that one can get infected just by sitting or talking with someone with AIDS virus, sitting on toilet bowls, using the drinking glass of another suspected AIDS victim, or kissing the cheeks of an AIDS patient.

The three AIDS high-risk areas in the Philippines are Cebu, Olongapo, and Angeles cities.

The DOH survey said that Filipinos, though not properly aware of the real facts on AIDS, are so fearful that they might contract or get infected with the AIDS virus.

This fear led to the belief of a majority of Filipinos that AIDS will become an epidemic.

The DOH survey showed that relative to global patterns, the Philippines ranks extremely high in seeing AIDS as reaching epidemic proportions.

Hollywood film to be made about Philippines

WORLD-RENOWNED mystic and fortune-teller, Count Alberto Carlo, arrived in Manila recently to lay the groundwork for a movie based on his knowledge of the Philippines when he moved here two years ago.

The Hollywood film entitled "Mountain of Gold" is an unusual adventure-suspense-story "full of surprises," says the Count.

He is here to act in an advisory position in the film which he wrote and will be produced by Sandy Lieberman, former president of the 20th Century Fox.

Brian Hutton, famous director of many films including "Where Eagles Dare" and who has directed the late Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood on films.

The entire production will be shot entirely in the Philippines.

An estimated \$16,000 from foreign investment will go into the making of the film; the screenplay of which was written by Count Carlo. Many Filipino talents, actors, actresses and technicians will be employed in this contemporary adventure movie.

Academy award winner, Burl Ives, will be one of the major stars of the production. Filming will start sometime in February.

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Ecuador to meet challenge of modernising oil industry

QUITO, Jan 14, (OPECNA): Ecuadorian Minister of Energy and Mines Diego Tamariz has said that the government is determined to meet the "challenge" of modernising the national oil industry.

He said CEPE, the state oil company, formed 15 years ago, needed to be transformed. There should be effective decentralisation, he added, "autonomy of action", appropriate control systems, financial profits, and sufficient funds for reinvestment.

Role
The minister said the government would try to balance the state oil company's exploratory role with that of the Ecuadorian private sector, a task which had been "neglected" in the past. Exploration had been left to international firms which was a "mistake".

Tamariz, however, emphasised that the role of international companies in the Ecuadorian oil industry would continue because their operations complemented those of CEPE. Expansion of oil reserves was part of the new state oil policy, he added.

He said the government had already announced that it would honour the 13 service contracts for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons signed with foreign companies by its predecessor.

Tamariz also reiterated that CEPE will operate the trans-Ecuadorian pipeline which was currently the responsibility of Texaco. He dismissed interpretations suggesting that this was an act of "nationalisation", describing it merely as a "change of operator".

Kuwait Fund loans for Burkina Faso

KUWAIT, Jan 14, (OPECNA): The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development extended \$22.75 million in two loans to finance power and pastoral water supply schemes in Burkina Faso.

The first loan, totalling \$14 million, will be used to finance the Bagre dam project for agricultural expansion and power generation. Rice-growing areas will be developed and produce electricity for the capital Ouagadougou estimated to be at 45 gigawatt.

Work on the \$133 million project will start this year and is expected to be completed in 1994.

The credit carries an annual interest rate of 1.50 per cent and is repayable in 35 years, including a seven-year grace period.

Loan
The second loan of \$8.75 million will help finance a West African Economic Community's programme for village and pastoral water supply in Burkina Faso.

The project involves the supply of potable water in two provinces and building of a small dam to provide four million cu. metres of water a year.

The total cost of the scheme is estimated at about \$10.85 million.

The loan comes at an annual interest rate of one per cent and is repayable in 25 years, including a five-year grace period.

Both agreements were signed in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso's capital, on behalf of the fund by director-general Badr Al Humaidhi.

'US continues to be a place of value for foreign investors'

Stocks defy rising interest rates

NEW YORK, Jan 14, (AP): These are uneasy times for stock market investors who key their strategies to the ups and downs of interest rates.

For the past several weeks, interest rates have been rising, especially in the short-term money markets.

That's supposed to spell trouble for stocks, by acting as a drag on the economy and by luring investors' money away from the stock market and into interest-bearing securities such as treasury bills.

Possibility
But things haven't worked out that way of late. The stock market has rallied since mid-November, recently reaching a series of new highs since the October 1987 crash.

A lot of money managers at investing institutions who have been shying away from stocks are

now faced with the possibility that a train might be leaving the station without them.

A substantial corps of sceptics on Wall Street remains unimpressed by the market's recent strength.

Force
Some of these observers say it is merely a temporary manifestation of the "January effect," a much-documented tendency of stock prices to rise in the early stages of a New Year.

In simplest terms, the January effect is believed to arise from several seasonal factors — including the cessation of the year-end selling for tax purposes, and infusions of new money into pension plans.

If this is the only driving force for the market's advance, the rally is presumably in for a limited run.

A good many analysts,

however, contend that the rise in US prices is also the product of an abundance of fear and pessimism that still persists.

Market rallies typically begin in periods of gloom, and end when all the doubters have been converted to optimistic views and expended all their reserve buying power.

"Conservative attitudes of individuals, 10 per cent cash reserves in mutual funds and similar high cash positions of pension accounts are the best sources of support for the stock market," said Rao Chalasani at Prescott, Ball and Turben Inc.

Value
"The US continues to be a place of value for foreign investors. Those dynamics will support the stock market as long as earnings hold up."

In the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials

rose 31.78 to 2,226.07.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.62 to 159.58; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market climbed 2.35 to 387.09 and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 4.53 at 315.93.

Low

Volume on the Big Board averaged 153.57 million shares a day, against 153.39 million in the first week of 1989.

Analysts who take a bullish view say there is another possible explanation for the recent gains in stock prices.

It could be, they suggest, that interest rates will soon stop rising and turn downward.

"The so-called upward pressure on interest rates may prove to be illusory," said William

Lefevre at Advest Inc.

Utility stocks, highly sensitive to changes in interest-rate expectations, have lately traded well above their low points of last year, he points out.

The behaviour of the Dow Jones utility average "says interest rates are headed lower, not higher" in the intermediate to long-term future, Lefevre maintains.

Talk has even begun to stir on the Street of an increasingly powerful rise in stock and bond prices should the economy slow and the Federal Reserve relax its recent credit-tightening.

"When that occurs, all will know that short rates are due to peak and the proper place for assets is in long bonds and stocks," said John Connolly at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. "We could see a scramble develop sometime soon."

Bush wants to spend more on education

WASHINGTON, Jan 14, (Reuters): While Congress and the White House tread carefully around the issue of possible tax rises, both might be forced to act by outside pressures such as escalating inflation or a sinking dollar, economists say.

Despite President-elect Bush's bold "read my lips — no new taxes," pledge, and politicians' reluctance to make voters pay higher taxes, there is little manoeuvring room for reducing massive deficits piled up during the presidency of Ronald Reagan.

Among new and costly crises are a bailout of bankrupt savings and loan companies and a clean-up of nuclear waste from defence plants. Bush also says he wants to spend more on education, anti-drug law enforcement and housing.

Both the President-elect and Congress might prefer to extend the debate over a long budget season, but the need to raise revenues could mount very

rapidly, particularly in view of the rosy economic assumptions behind the Reagan budget that Bush is expected also to accept.

Principally, its assumption that interest rates will decline "flies in the face of economic reality," said David Jones, economist for Aubrey Lanston and Co. Inc. of New York.

Dick Peach, an economist with the Mortgage Bankers Association, said this week's budget presented by Reagan was "not so much a forecast as it was a desirable scenario" that would not head off a coming budget crunch requiring higher revenues.

Stretch
There are early signs the incoming administration might like to stretch the bounds of Bush's no-tax promise — if necessary by redefining what constitutes a tax.

Higher taxes on petrol, cigarettes and alcohol could earn more money for the government without breaking President-elect

Bush's pledge against new taxes. Bush's chief budget adviser said today.

Asked by Congress to clarify Bush's position on new taxes, Richard Darman said in some circumstances taxes on cigarettes, alcohol and petrol, oil import fees and fees for government services such as entry to national parks might raise revenue as "user fees" without being labelled taxes.

"President-elect Bush has stated that he would oppose all new taxes. That doesn't mean that all increases in government receipts are 'new taxes,'" Darman said in a written response to questions from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

While Darman did not advocate increased revenue from any source and did not foresee any major changes in tax structure, his statement points out the political difficulty Bush and Congress will have in deciding

how and if government revenues should be raised.

"Putting academics and sophistry aside, however, my suspicion is that in the end such definitional matters are political... if it looks like a 'tax' to most Americans, it's a tax," Darman said.

Doubt

Many in Congress have said they doubt the 1990 federal deficit can be cut to the \$100 billion required by law without tax hikes.

Specific details of the Bush administration's tax and budget proposals will be unveiled by Bush about Feb 9.

"The first possibility is a period of aggressive Fed (Federal Reserve Board) tightening to curtail domestic inflation because there is every reason to believe there is going to be a sharp runup in prices, in part because of strong world demand for commodities," he said.

The Fed can adjust monetary

policy by forcing interest rates up or down to control credit and spending. If interest rates go up, it boosts the dollar's value and hurts US exports by making American goods more costly, slowing expansion and making it harder to reduce the nation's trade shortfall.

The other possibility Jones sees is a dollar collapse because of foreign impatience over American efforts to get its twin spending and trade deficits under control.

The United States has counted heavily on foreign capital, essentially borrowing abroad, to finance its overspending.

Robert Leonard, chief tax counsel for the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said the view of its chairman, Dan Rostenkowski, was that the preferred way to increase revenues was through petrol excise taxes up to 15 cents a gallon, or higher taxes on cigarettes and alcohol.

Oman's oil minister expects non-OPEC pact with OPEC

MUSCAT, Jan 14, (Reuters): Oman's oil minister said today he believed OPEC and other oil-producing states would reach an agreement aimed at raising and stabilising world oil prices.

"I know from my colleagues in non-OPEC countries that they are willing to co-operate with OPEC," the minister, Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari, said.

"I believe that we will have an agreement... definitely we will have an agreement," he added in reply to a question on whether the two groups could agree on measures to boost prices.

Co-operation
Shanfari met Subroto, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), in Muscat on Thursday to discuss co-operation between the 13-member group and other producer countries.

Oman, though not a member of OPEC, has co-ordinated its oil policy with OPEC in the past by cutting output to help efforts to achieve market stability.

Experts from six OPEC and eight non-OPEC countries will

meet in London on Jan 26 for talks to prepare the ground for a ministerial meeting between the two groups.

Non-OPEC Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico, North Yemen and Oman will take part in discussions with OPEC members Algeria, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Subroto told reporters on Thursday that eight oil-producing states from the United States and Canada's Alberta province might also be represented and he hoped the Soviet Union would attend.

Shanfari, who will leave for Moscow tomorrow for talks with Soviet officials, said: "I will take the chance to ask our friends there in what ways we can co-operate. I have nothing to propose."

He said non-OPEC countries should not expect OPEC to make all the moves to stabilise prices, which fell last year more than \$7 below OPEC's target price of \$18 a barrel.

"It is our time (non-OPEC) to

help them (OPEC) because the indication from OPEC is that they have a strong interest among themselves to keep the price of oil reasonable," he said.

Spot market prices have recovered more than \$4 a barrel since November on indications that OPEC members are sticking to new lower output limits.

OPEC agreed in November to cut its production by about 20 per cent to 18.5 million barrels a day in the first half of 1989 to raise prices.

Crude
Middle East benchmark crude Dubai for delivery in February was on sale in New York yesterday for \$14.35 a barrel after slumping below \$10 before OPEC's agreement. Dubai's official selling price is \$17.42.

Shanfari said Oman was prepared to reduce its output, now about 600,000 barrels per day, under an agreement between OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

But he declined to speculate on the size of any cut or on what measures the non-OPEC states might propose to OPEC.

Major economies, Asian nations to meet on economic problems

TOKYO, Jan 14, (Reuters): Major industrial nations will sit down with Asia's rapidly developing countries at the end of this month for the first time to talk about ways of aiding the world economy, Japanese officials said today.

"This is the start of an epoch-making process," said one official who declined to be identified.

Japan has been a driving force behind the meeting to help defuse tension between Asia's newly industrialising countries (NICs) — Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan — and the West, particularly the United States.

Saddled with a huge trade deficit, Washington has been putting increasing pressure on the NICs to import more and cut their surpluses.

Problems

But until now, there has been no forum at which all the interested parties could sit down and discuss their economic problems.

Government officials, businessmen and academics from the NICs, Western industrial nations and Japan are expected

to attend the talks in Paris on Jan 24 and 25. One official suggested that representatives from Thailand might also attend, although this could not be confirmed.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) — the Paris-based club of rich nations to which the NICs do not belong.

Policy

"The dialogue should contribute to better understanding and help everyone co-ordinate policy for the good of the world economy," one Japanese official said.

He called the meeting a seminar, rather than a set of negotiations.

Japan first broached the idea of an informal meeting between Asia's rapidly developing economies and the industrial world at an OECD ministerial meeting last May.

The move was then endorsed by leaders of the world's major industrial democracies — Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany — at their economic summit in June in Toronto.

World Business Summary

Frost halts Jordanian farm exports to Europe

AMMAN, Jan 14, (Reuters): Jordanian farm exports to nine European countries have been halted by frost damage to crops in the Jordanian valley, an official said today. "We have nothing that we can export to these Western markets," said Mazen Abdelkader, deputy general manager at the state-owned Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company. "For the past 10 days, our exports have come to a halt," he told Reuters. "We have asked our clients to give us 10 days to see if we will resume exports or if we are going to cancel them (the agreements)." Jordan had agreed to sell 3,000 tonnes of narrows, sweet and green peppers, eggplant and haricot beans to Italy, France, West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark and Austria between November and May. Each tonne earned up to \$1,500, Abdelkader said. Frost hit the valley, Jordan's main agricultural area, on Jan 5, damaging produce on 1,850 hectares (4,625 acres) of land. Temperatures went down to minus 4.2 Centigrade (20 Fahrenheit), well below the area's seasonal average. Bananas were worst hit with 100 per cent of the crop destroyed in some areas, an Agriculture Ministry report said. "It is a catastrophe," said Hajj Abu Ahmed, who grows crops destined for Europe on a medium-sized farm in the valley. "We lost our market... we will only have debts to settle." A three-member ministerial committee visited the valley on Thursday and was due to report to the cabinet today. Agriculture Minister Secretary General Salem Al Lawzi said a committee of private and public sector representatives was studying the possible creation of a natural disaster insurance fund. He could not estimate financial losses to farmers, saying these varied from one part of the valley to another. "On some farms there was five per cent damage to crops, in other places it was 100 per cent."

Cruzado to be devalued

BRASILIA, Jan 14, (Reuters): Brazil's cruzado currency will be devalued in a new anti-inflation plan to be announced this weekend, official sources said today. They declined to say by how much. Brazilian newspapers reported that the cruzado would be devalued by about 10 per cent. The government has said it will create a "new cruzado" equivalent to 1,000 cruzados. At present, the official rate is 857 cruzados to the dollar. Without any devaluation, the new cruzado would be worth 85.7 US cents, making it stronger than the dollar. But official sources said this situation would not be viable. "This will not happen," said a source in the Finance Ministry who said a devaluation was certain. The Central Bank makes small downward adjustments of the cruzado against the dollar every day. Officials said a new economic plan designed to dampen inflation, which was 934 per cent last year, would be announced tomorrow. The Central Bank has declared that Monday will be a bank holiday.

Soviet exports slump by 2pc

MOSCOW, Jan 14, (Reuters): The Soviet Union's trade balance worsened last year with exports slumping by two per cent and imports increasing by 6.5 per cent, according to official figures released today. Todorov, Teodorovich of the Soviet Ministry of External Economic Relations released the figures to the Tass news agency, adding to a more general statement on trade he made to journalists earlier this week. He reported that total trade turnover stood at 133 billion roubles (\$220 billion) in 1988, down from 129 billion the previous year (\$215 billion). On Wednesday, he said, exports totalled 60.7 billion roubles (\$105 billion) last year, up from 58.6 billion roubles (\$100 billion) in 1987. Imports stood at 60.7 billion roubles (\$105 billion). Teodorovich told Tass the structure of Soviet exports remained satisfactory with 70 per cent derived from fuel and energy deliveries. Engineering products accounted for 16 per cent. The worsening of the trade position appears to have been caused primarily by falling prices for oil and raw materials. Teodorovich said efforts were under way to develop exports in areas other than primary resources — a key plank of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reform programme. Teodorovich said it was hoped changes to the Soviet foreign trade system would improve the balance, particularly regulations allowing all state, co-operative and other organisations to export and import freely from next April.

He said the current programme to boost trade growth included a move to confine imports mainly to machinery and equipment to modernise enterprises connected with engineering or the food industry.

Plan to boost mining productivity

QUITO, Jan 14, (OPECNA): Ecuadorian Minister of Energy and Mines Diego Tamariz affirmed here yesterday that the country's mining productivity would be increased and conservative policies would be followed in the oil sector. He made these remarks at a meeting of the Ecuadorian-West German Chamber of Commerce. Tamariz said his ministry would push ahead to develop new and renewable sources of energy as part of a move to meet the country's growing energy needs and ensure economic efficiency. Tamariz stressed the need to increase mining productivity by using the latest technology and making rational use of the country's natural resources in order to "preserve this wealth for a long period." The minister also emphasised that electricity transmission losses needed to be cut, while thermal power required to be substituted gradually by hydro-electric power. "It is government policy to conserve our natural resources and achieve economic efficiency," he declared.

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Senegal minister in Kuwait talks

Khorafi, Diop discuss joint ventures

KUWAIT, Jan. 14, (KUNA): HH the Amir today received a message from Senegalese President Abdou Diouf.

The message was conveyed by the Senegalese Finance and Economics Minister Serigne Lamine Diop.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah also met the Senegalese minister today.

Diop and the accompanying delegation arrived here yesterday.

The Senegalese minister was received on arrival by the Finance Minister Jassem Mohamed Al Khorafi and the Senegalese ambassador to Kuwait.

Diop said in an arrival statement to Kuwait News Agency that his visit is being organised to convey the greetings of President Abdou Diouf to the Amir. He said the two countries maintain excellent relations in all fields.

Diop pointed out that there is an economic co-operation agreement between his country and Kuwait and that Kuwait had supported Senegal at difficult times. The country has extended aid to Senegal to combat drought.

Conference
The minister also said that he will later visit Saudi Arabia and then proceed to Paris to attend the Paris Club conference which will discuss the debt problem.

Diop also discussed with Al Khorafi ways to enhance bilateral ties.

The Kuwaiti official pointed out that the discussions centred on the existing joint ventures and



Senegalese Finance and Economics Minister Serigne Lamine Diop (centre), meets with HH the Amir. Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi also attended the meeting.

did not touch new schemes. Diop said Kuwait has been helping Senegal in various fields, adding that financial and economic aid has been enormous.

He pointed out that Kuwait has placed a deposit with the Central Bank of Senegal.

The minister added that the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development had also offered support for development projects in Senegal.

In another development, Al

Khorafi has said the decision on raising the KD interest rate was a "must" and conforms with the latest developments on the Kuwaiti financial front and the economic situation in general.

In an interview with a local daily Al Khorafi said that increasing or decreasing the interest rates will remain linked to the status of the local and foreign market.

The minister said "the state will resort in the future to a sound

taxation system, that does not hurt those with limited incomes and does not break the rhythm of living for the Kuwaiti family."

He affirmed that any move in this direction will be a must to preserve the strength and soundness of the Kuwaiti economy, in order to face the many changes world-wide.

He stressed that the Kuwaiti financial policy is well-thought out "and our decisions are not reactions."

Verity sees economic warfare for 1990s

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, (Reuters): US Commerce Secretary William Verity said yesterday the years of American military modernisation were ending and the 1990s would focus on what he called economic warfare.

Verity said most of President Reagan's years in the White House had been devoted to building up America's military but "that's going on downward curve because that's been achieved."

"What's going to happen in the 1990s," Verity said, "is economic warfare. Economic warfare is trade."

Verity told a Commerce Department export promotion conference there were few markets emerging in Asia and Europe and the United States must mobilise its resources to capture them over other exporting countries.

Priority

He predicted President-elect Bush would give top priority in his incoming administration to trade "and how America can be sure that it will be the number one player."

"The bottom line of the future is exporting," he said.

Verity renewed his call for the removal of impediments to trade, including a change in antitrust law to let US firms pool skills to market goods abroad.

Moscow vows to support oil market

KUWAIT, Jan. 14, (Reuters): The Soviet Union expressed its determination to support the world oil market during recent talks with Kuwaiti officials in Moscow, the visitors' leader was quoted as saying today.

Abdullah Al Roumi, executive assistant managing director for sales at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), also told a local daily newspaper in an interview in Moscow that Soviet Oil Industry Minister Vasily Dinkov would visit Kuwait early next month.

"The Soviet Union is an important state among top oil producers and we were happy with the affirmations from the Soviet side that they are determined to support the world oil market," Roumi said.

Co-operation

The Kuwaiti team's talks in Moscow were based on bilateral co-operation but apparently also touched on efforts by oil producers in and outside the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to achieve higher oil prices and market stability.

The Soviet Union is the world's largest oil producer and Kuwait is a key member of OPEC which agreed fresh quotas on member's output to come into effect on Jan. 1.

Roumi's visit, which ended yesterday, was the third to the Soviet Union by a KPC delegation. He said the talks covered the exchange of refined petroleum products, use of Soviet technology in extracting heavy Kuwaiti crude oil and the chartering of Soviet oil tankers.

Kuwait and Moscow would sign an oil co-operation agreement during Dinkov's visit to the Gulf, Roumi said but gave no details.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.070	1.070	1.070	1.070	125000	5
GULF BANK	0.375	---	---	---	---	---
COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.275	0.275	0.270	130000	6
ABLI BANK	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	30000	2
B.K.M.E	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
K.R.E.B.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
BURGAN BANK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	10000	1
K.F.HOUSE	0.520	---	---	---	---	---
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KWT INV. CO.	0.120	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.140	---	---	---	---	---
COM.FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
AWLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.096	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KWT	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KWT INSURANCE	0.770	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
AWLIAH INS. CO.	0.680	---	---	---	---	---
WARBA INS. CO.	0.400	---	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.075	---	---	---	---	---
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.202	---	---	---	---	---
SALAHIAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---

INDUSTRY SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NAT IND. CO.	0.550	---	---	---	---	---
KWT M.P. IND.	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.405	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.110	1.110	1.110	1.110	5000	1
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
CONT. MARINE	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
K.S.W. REP. CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS.	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.134	---	---	---	---	---
COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.018	---	---	---	---	---
MOBILE TELE.	0.315	0.320	0.320	0.315	30000	3
KWT COMPUTER	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD POULTRY	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
KWT FOODS	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI. FOOD PRP.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
BHN. INTER. BK	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	160000	3
BHN. M.EAST. BK	0.052	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD. GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.092	---	---	---	---	---
K.G. INV. CORP	0.034	---	---	---	---	---
FIRST GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
GULF MEDICAL	0.030	---	---	---	---	---

KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
FINANCIAL SECTOR						
GULF INTL INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
R.K. WHITE CMNT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
JAHAN CEMENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B. FUJAIH CEMENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
D-GULF CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 14/1/89			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
5	Nikolay Morozov	Al Rasheed	2422026
8	Tug Capricorn	Gulf Star	4845501
9	B. Sagittarius	Gulf Star	4845501
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
15/1	Arafat	KSA	4843150
15/1	Newsea	Trans Cont	2436920
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B. No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
11	Crystal Reed	ISA	2421860
14	Nicola	RSMS	2423642
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
13/1	UCO-XVII	Sager Shaheen	2432692
15/1	Rhein Express	M.A. Bahar	2433881
17/1	Y.S. Prosperity	Rashed	2422026
17/1	Socotra	KMMC	2419814
18/1	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
21/1	Hercules	RSMS	2423642
18/1	Al Waryyah	UASC	4843150
21/1	Baffin Bay	RSMS	2423642

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ARAB BANK	2.05	2.04
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	142.5	142.5
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	4.40	4.30
ARAB INSURANCE	2.44	2.41
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	1.05	1.00
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.21	1.25
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.60	0.63
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.50	2.45
ARAB PAPER CON/TRADE	0.33	0.34
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.34	2.33
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.25	15.25
BEIGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	30.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.56	0.56
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.21	2.22
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80	0.81
FINANCE/CREDIT/COOP	0.56	0.56
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.32	2.43
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.34	1.30
GENERAL MINING	1.45	1.45
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.67	0.67
INDSTR. DEVLPT BANK	1.62	1.62
INDSTR./COMM/AGRI.	1.52	1.50
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.95	0.92
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.51	1.50
J. TOUR-SP. COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	20.00	20.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	1.64	1.70
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.70	1.69
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00	1.00
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.58	2.59
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.62	0.65
JOR LIN BRICK	0.20	0.21
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.65	2.65
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.60	3.50
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.65	3.65
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	1.53	1.50
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.90	1.90
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.95	0.91
JOR SECURITY CORP	0.92	0.92
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.73	2.74
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.57	1.54
JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00	5.00
JOR. KUNAIT AGR.	0.94	0.91
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	8.65	8.65
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.41	2.45
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.44	0.42
JORDAN DAIRY	1.02	1.02
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.24	1.22
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.88	1.85
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.47	1.48
JORDAN TANNING	2.10	2.15
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74	0.71
MACH/EDU/RENT/MAIN	0.78	0.78
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MID-EAST EXCHANGE	0.11	0.15
MIDDEL. EAST HOTEL.	0.80	0.80
MIDDEL EAST INS.	1.00	1.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74	0.75
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.06	2.01
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	1.21	1.21
NATIONAL AULIA INS	1.38	1.38
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.46	0.45
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.85	0.85
NATIONAL STEEL	2.95	2.95
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.35	2.36
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.08
RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.86	0.82
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.65	0.65
SHIPPING LINES	0.94	0.94
SPINNING WEAVING	0.96	0.96
THE HOUSING BANK	1.90	1.90
UNITED INSURANCE	1.25	1.20
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	3.02	3.07
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.68	0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.86	0.86
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.31

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3 months	7-3/4	8-1/8
6 months	7-3/4	8-3/16
1 year	7-3/4	8-1/4

Jordanian dinar firms

AMMAN, Jan. 14, (Reuters): The Jordanian dinar firm against the dollar today, recovering some of the ground lost in nervous trading last week, dealers said.

Banks quoted 535 fils to the dollar when trading started after the holiday and 532 fils by the end of the morning. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar.

Several dealers predicted that the dinar would strengthen to 510 or even 500 fils to the dollar, but the general mood was cautious.

Jitters
"It's still a confused and confusing market easily affected by rumour," one dealer said. "People are jittery."

After several weeks of stability at 515 to 520 fils to the US unit, the dinar went as low as 545 fils last week in inter-bank trading and 550 fils for banknotes. Dealers said the pressure on the dinar had little to do with the dollar's gains on international markets. Some said the dinar slipped last week because of commercial demand for the dollar. Others cited psychological factors.

Market performance weak
Kuwait trade volume surges

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 40.50 points with a decrease of 0.87 point — 2.103 per cent — from last week's average.

The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 73.81 points with a decrease of 0.91 point — 1.217 per cent for the same period, according to Alshall Economic Consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwait shares reached 8.90 million shares at a daily average of 1.78 million shares with an increase of 31 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 1.36 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 4.77 million shares at a daily average of 0.95 million shares with an increase of 13 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.84 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD4.658 million at a daily average of KD0.930 million with an increase of 97 per cent over last week's daily average of KD

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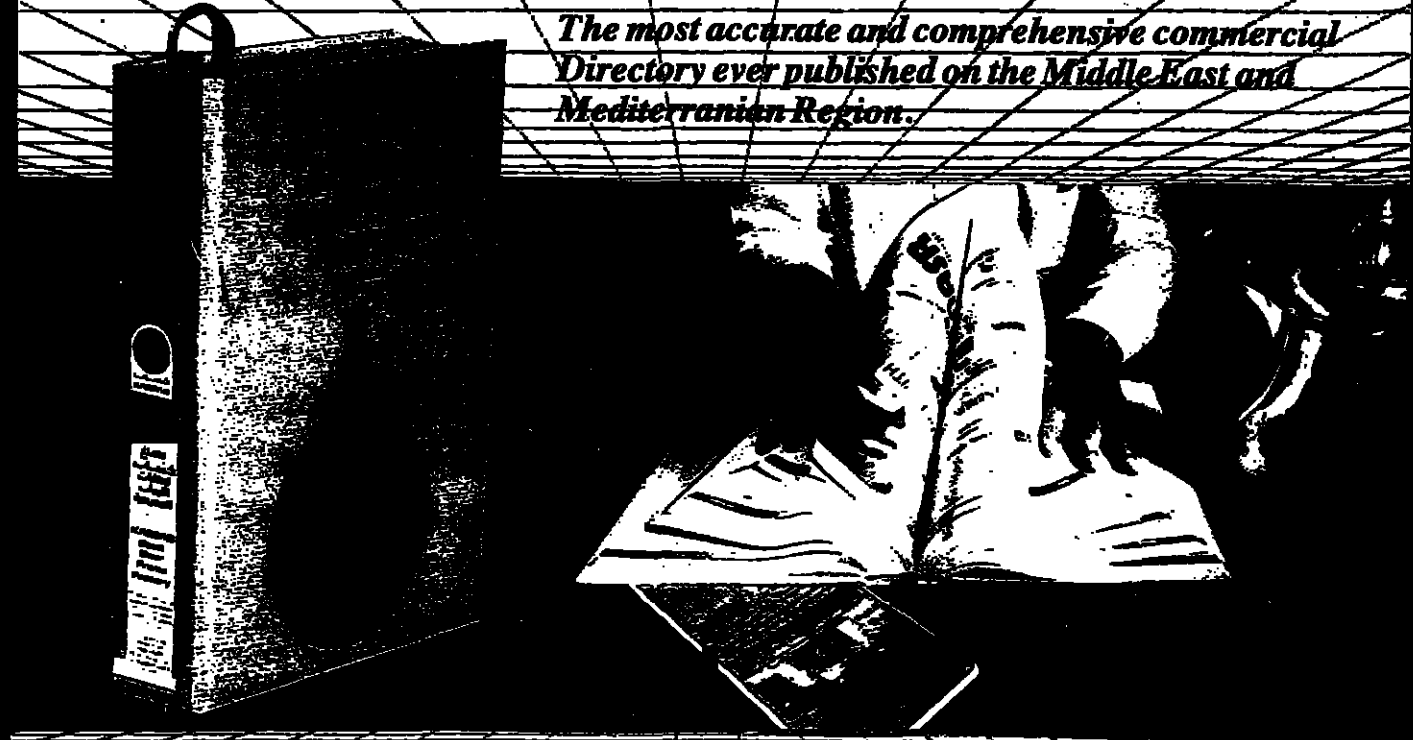
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DARTS

Members surprise Bandits

THE re-start of the KBRC Kuwait Darts League this week, after its annual mid-season break, certainly brought about a change in several teams' fortunes. The biggest shock of the day on Monday was Members earning their first points of the season, and in some style too, whitewashing the double shy Bandits 6-0.

High scores for Steve James and Mike Allen, who also completed an 82 finish, with an in vain 140 by Bandits' Keith Miles. Also an unhappy day for defeated leaders Cortis Hoose, who after taking a 2-0 lead, then proceeded to lose the remaining four games, despite 140's by Peter Granowski and captain Marshall Byers, to give Baggs both points.

The Hoose Ladies gained some revenge with a 2-0 defeat of bottom team Nightflights.

Maintained

Straight As A Dai made the most of their opportunity, and became clear leaders with a 4-2 win at Ragamuffins. John Gowanid hit 140 and 100, as John Donovan replied with a 140 to lead the Dai's into a 3-1 lead after the singles.

An equally close ladies game as Dai-A-Straights held on to beat Ragabags 2-1. Exiles maintained their challenge by hammering Wallbangers 6-0. Captain Tony Robinson secured his 140 Club trophy in his 2-1 victory over Leila Skelhorn, who scored a creditable 128.

Pacificists completed a useful double success against Mishraf with 4-2 and 2-1 wins. Diane Sime on form here, scoring 116 and two scoring Mickey Mouse troubles, as Barbara Marks responded with 108, in what was Mary Craig's farewell appearance for Mishraf.

Wednesday League pride of place goes to Fintas Flyers, who finally took off this week with their first point in a 3-3 draw with nearest rivals Shipwrecks, despite being 3-1 down after the singles. Shipwreck ladies got both points though, as Florencia won 2-0, Debbie Thomas hitting 138 for Florencia.

Equalisers had a fairly miserable week being 4-0 down after the first round. The Ladies League, with two 140's by Dave Viner and one each for Ihsan Soboh, Larry Banks and Mike Culley. Equaliser ladies fared slightly better winning their first match 2-1, but then losing to MAT Ladies by the same score.

Getting

The top two men's teams both won, Soweto Slingsers just pipping Has Beans 4-2, Nobby Burton and Ian Thomas both getting 140, while H2O took Nobblers to task 5-1, despite 140 from Don Sefton. No luck for either ladies sides, as both Avengers and H2O won 2-0. Irene Burton and Audrey McKenzie both hit two scoring trebles.

Elsewhere, Shower of Tossers and Bulls Hitters drew 3-3, but B.H. ladies took both points in a narrow 2-1 win. Chuckers and Entente Geordiale both came away with 5-1 wins against Dinar Soarers and Rondels, though in both cases and ladies reversed these results, giving 2-1 wins for both Ohtoni! And Filies, which keeps the latter side clear at the top of the Ladies League.

Strange stays two shots clear of pack

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 14, (Reuters). American Curtis Strange kept the pack two shots at bay after the third round of the Palm Meadows tournament today, defying 20-knot winds and the increasing challenge of local qualifier Terry Price.

Strange, the US Open champion, shot 71 to total 207, nine under par after 54 holes. Price and 47-year-old American Ray Floyd, his country's Ryder Cup captain this year, played together and were on 205 with Japan's Iwabuchi and Australian Peter Fowler another shot away.

"I played with a lad today who is strong, long and manages the game well," Floyd said later of Price, whose round of 70 was impressive in the stormy conditions. Price fired a 65 in the second round yesterday.

Consistent

Strange played the careful type of golf which has made him the most consistent player on the US circuit, avoiding the trouble which affected many of his fellow players, especially on the first hole.

Australian Greg Norman hit his tee shot at the first hole into a clump of bamboo and had to tee off again. "After that I had zero enthusiasm to keep it going," said Norman, who shot 73.

BORDER & CO. WIN FIRST FINAL MATCH BY TWO RUNS

Australia overcome West Indies

MELBOURNE, Jan 14, (Reuters). Australia won the first match of the three-part World Series Cup final by two runs today after a brave rearguard action by the West Indies almost inspired an unlikely victory.

In a thrilling one-day match, Australia scored 204 for nine in 50 overs with captain Allan Border returning to form with 78, his highest one-day score for two years.

The World Cup champions seemed to have victory wrapped up when they reduced West Indies to 148 for eight with all the recognised batsmen back in the pavilion.

But Curtly Ambrose, who earlier took five for 26 in the Australian innings, and Ian Bishop dug in and began to turn the game round with some clever running and deft shots.

Affect

Fifteen runs were required for victory from the last two overs as nerves began to affect the Australian fielders.

Simon O'Donnell quelled some of those nerves by yorking Ambrose for 23 to end the 48-run partnership, leaving the last wicket pair to manufacture nine off the last over.

With 73,000 fans in the Melbourne Cricket Ground cheering him on, local hero Merv Hughes kept the West Indian duo down to five runs off his first five balls.

Last man Courtney Walsh, requiring a boundary off the final ball, lashed the ball into the covers but Border fielded well to guarantee his side's third successive victory over West Indies in the tournament.

Bishop, included at the

expense of Patrick Patterson, finished 33 not out. The second day-night match of the final takes place in Sydney on Monday.

Ambrose's penetrative bowling again proved a stumbling block for the home side. The lanky paceman took his second five-wicket haul of the one-day series.

Ambrose claimed two for 15 in his first spell of six overs which saw Australia slump to 34 for three as David Boon, Geoff Marsh and Graeme Wood departed cheaply.

Border and Jones, however, steadied the innings with a fruitful stand of 99 as the previously out-of-form Australian captain put together his best innings of the summer.

Border reached 50 off 66 balls before lifting Viv Richards into the crowd at square leg for six.

Jones played a supporting role before hooking Courtney Walsh to deep midwicket where Gus Logie made his second fine catch of the innings high over his head. Jones made 36.

Border added 43 with Steve Waugh before Ambrose's return brought immediate dividends. Border hit his second ball, a full toss, straight to Greenidge at midwicket.

Waugh scored a characteristic quickfire 33 before he lashed a ball from Ambrose straight back at the bowler who took a stinging catch with complete nonchalance.

The Australian tail was unable to rid itself of the shackles put on by Ambrose and Marshall, struggling from 200 for six to 204 for nine at the close. Marshall finished with two for 31.

West Indies also began badly.



Richards (left) and Ambrose jubilate as Boon leaves the crease after being bowled. (Reuters wirephoto)

They lost openers Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes to Hughes with only 16 on the board, Greenidge falling to a flying catch by keeper Ian Healy.

Terry Alderman removed Gus Logie cheaply, before claiming the prized wicket of Viv Richards.

The West Indies captain played a lazy hook shot and spooned the ball on the inside.

Marsh and Border both went for the catch but Marsh pulled away just before a collision and Border grabbed the ball gratefully.

Wickets continued to fall when O'Donnell and spinner Peter Taylor took over, with Dean Jones taking two skied catches at midwicket to dismiss Carl Hooper and Jeff Dujon.

Malcolm Marshall was the seventh wicket to fall but he was

obviously upset by the manner of his run out.

Border's return from mid-wicket left Marshall well out of his ground but television replays cast doubt on whether Healy had the ball in his hands when he whipped off the balls.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	
G. Marsh	b Ambrose.....18
D. Boon	c Dujon b Ambrose.....0
G. Wood	c Logie b Marshall.....6
A. Border	c Greenidge b Ambrose.....78
S. Waugh	c Logie b Walsh.....33
S. O'Donnell	b Marshall.....10
I. Healy	not out.....3
P. Taylor	run out.....0
M. Hughes	b Ambrose.....0
Extras (lb-9 nb-5 w-6)20
Total (for nine wickets)204-50

WEST INDIES	
G. Greenidge	c Healy b Hughes.....5
D. Haynes	lbw b Hughes.....6
R. Richardson	c Healy b O'Donnell.....24
G. Logie	lbw b Alderman.....4
V. Richards	c Border b Alderman.....14
C. Hooper	c Jones b Taylor.....33
J. Dujon	c Jones b Taylor.....27
M. Marshall	run out.....18
P. Ambrose	b O'Donnell.....33
I. Bishop	not out.....3
C. Walsh	not out.....3
Extras (lb-5 nb-5 w-3)12
Total (for nine wickets)202

Fall of wickets: 1-15 2-26 3-34 4-133 5-176 6-200 7-202 8-202 9-204	
Bowling: Marshall 9-1-31-2 (7w), Ambrose 10-3-26-5 (14b 1w), Bishop 10-0-37-0 (4nb 2w), Walsh 10-0-45-1 (1w), Richards 10-0-48-0, Hooper 1-0-0-0.	

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Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-16 3-23 4-41 5-76 6-108 7-129 8-149 9-196	
Bowling: Alderman 10-2-29-2, Hughes 10-1-34-2 (3w), O'Donnell 7-0-36-2, Walsh 10-0-43-0, Taylor 10-2-35-2, Border 3-0-16-0.	

Result: Australia won by two runs
Second match (Sydney, Jan 16)
Third match (if required): Sydney, Jan 18

Bulls struggle past Nuggets

NEW YORK, Jan 14, (AP). Michael Jordan had 38 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists for his seventh career "triple double," leading the Chicago Bulls past the Denver Nuggets 104-99 last night.

Jordan scored 15 points in the fourth quarter, including a three-point play with 1:12 left that put Chicago ahead for good at 97-94. Jordan got 13 of Chicago's last 18 points.

The Bulls have won three consecutive games and six of the last eight. Denver has lost six straight on the road.

A "triple double" is when a player has statistics in double figures for scoring, rebounds and assists.

In other National Basketball Association games last night, Detroit whipped Washington 119-103, Milwaukee defeated Miami 107-101, Philadelphia routed Atlanta 114-101, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Cleveland 116-95, Golden State slammed the Los Angeles Clippers 127-113, and Phoenix beat Sacramento 111-90.

Manuela di Centa of Italy placed second with 32 minutes, 28.5 seconds in the classical-style event in Klingenthal, according to the state-run ADN news agency.

Dahlmo wins

KLINGENTHAL, East Germany, Jan 14, (AP). Norway's Marianne Dahlmo yesterday won a 10-kilometre World Cup cross country ski event with a best time of 32 minutes, 17.7 seconds.

Manuela di Centa of Italy placed second with 32 minutes, 28.5 seconds in the classical-style event in Klingenthal, according to the state-run ADN news agency.

Navratilova reaches NSW Open final

SYDNEY, Jan 14, (Reuters). Top seed Martina Navratilova brought to a swift end the recent renaissance of Hana Mandlikova, defeating the Australian 6-3 6-2 today to reach the women's final at the New South Wales Open.

The left-handed American, ranked two in the world, will meet Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden, who won a titanic 2-1/2-hour match against Terry Phelps of the United States 5-7 6-3 7-6 (7-2).

American Aaron Krickstein

will play unseeded Soviet player Andrei Cherkasov, who has never been beyond the quarter-finals of a major tournament, in the men's final tomorrow.

Cherkasov beat Frenchman Olivier Delatre, also unseeded, 7-5 6-1 while third-seeded Krickstein wasted three match points before downing the Yugoslav with the pop star looks, unseeded Bruno Orest, 6-0 2-6 6-4.

Navratilova, who has only dropped one set in her nine previous matches against 13th-

seeded Lindqvist, said she expected a tougher match from the Swede than she had against the erratic Mandlikova.

The Australian made her task more difficult by serving nine double faults but she was still outclassed by her former Czechoslovak teammate's power, touch and athleticism.

Mandlikova, who won the title in 1979, spent the last six months of 1988 out with injury. She said she feels more confident about her chances in next week's Australian Open following a series of

tough matches in this tournament. Lindqvist, coached by Briton John Lloyd, showed formidable on the flanks today, scoring 31 forehand and 19 backhand winners against Phelps.

But the American's unstinting determination kept her in the match until an anti-climatic 7-2 tiebreak in the final set.

"I served okay, I felt pretty good. I just played the tiebreaker like a fool," Phelps said after her match.

Cash may miss Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Jan 14, (Reuters). Australian Pat Cash, beaten in last year's Australian Open final by Mats Wilander, could miss this year's tournament because of an elbow injury.

Cash pulled out of the final of an examination tournament in Adelaide today after hurting his right arm in the opening moments of his clash with Stefan

Edberg, his successor as Wimbledon champion.

After twice receiving on-court treatment, Cash conceded the final at 6-6 in the first of three sets.

Clearly upset by the setback so close to the Open, Cash refused to talk to the media.

Tournament physiotherapist Max Pfizter said the injury could be a form of tennis elbow

caused by Cash's new style of serving.

"As you might have seen he mis-hit a ball early in the match tonight and that seemed to aggravate it," said Pfizter, who attended to Cash on court.

Cash, seeded 13th, is due to play fellow-Australian Brett Custer in the first round of the Australian Open.

Dubai Powerboat Race called off for 4th time

By Gail Seery

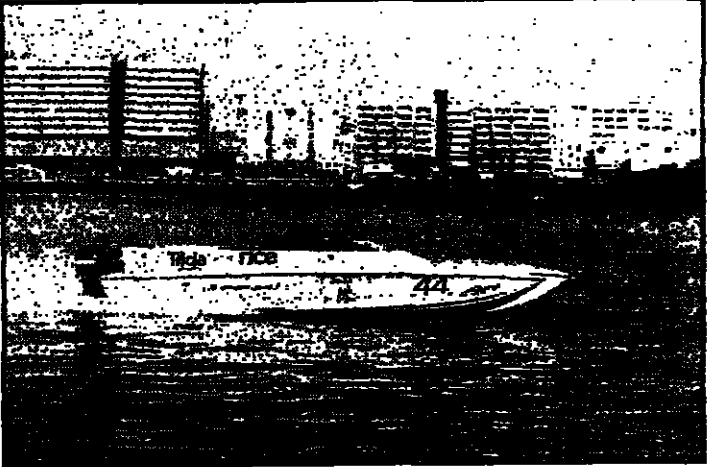
WITH the postponement of Friday's Dubai Powerboat Race — the fourth time the event has been called off at short notice — the five Kuwaiti entrants are now considering bringing their boats back to Kuwait.

The boats need to be overhauled and tested before being shipped to Jordan for the kingdom's first powerboat race, on January 27, in which King Hussein will be taking part.

After last week's postponement, sea conditions improved, but just one day before the race, Dubai was hit by high winds and dust-storms. No-one was surprised when officials decided to put off the race yet again.

The mood among the Kuwaiti racers was poor the night before the race, with none of the anticipation and excitement which had preceded previous projected race days.

The five racers and throtlemen concerned are, Khalifa Al Qatami and Abdullah Al Badr driving for Perrier, Ahmed and Khalid Al Ansari, Mishaal Al Jarallah and Anando Fernando, backed by Merit, Khalid Al Khalid and Shah Nadheer driving for Tilda Rice, and Moham-



Khalid Al Khalid tests his boat, med Karam and Hossam Al Sayafe, sponsored by United Arab Shipping Co.

"We are very disappointed," said Abdullah Al Badr, throtleman to Khalifa Al Qatami. "We are taking our boat back to Kuwait, and may not take part in the Dubai race, when they eventually hold it." However, later, the drivers were considering staying on.

Instead, on Friday the Kuwaitis took to the creek, which was calm, and talked of holding a small circuit-type race among themselves, which sadly,

did not take place. Fishermen along the banks were treated to the unusual exhibition of the five Kuwait racing boats being put through their paces. The drivers took one trip to the mouth of the creek, where they found that sea conditions were indeed very rough.

"We could have raced in that," said Khalifa Al Qatami, and Hossam Al Sayafe however. Abdullah Al Sha'ali, a former winner of the Dubai event agreed. "The waves were higher last time. However, the organisers are experienced and know

Mishaal Al Jarallah in action.

their job. They learned from the last race, when so many boats were lost," he said.

Afterwards that race had many critics, who said that it should not have taken place in such waters, for the obvious reasons that it stretched safety resources, and necessary helicopter surveillance of the racers to a minimum. They argued that as powerboat racing is already a dangerous sport, it was even less safe to allow the race to take place in dangerous weather conditions.

The Australian contenders

were reported to be furious at the decision to cancel yet again, as they have now been waiting in Dubai for three weeks. All overseas entrants were expected to pack up and go home.

It has been a costly exercise for all the Kuwaitis, in terms of air fares to and from Dubai, hotel bills, mechanics expenses, and of course, necessary repairs to their boats. Qatami was reporting more engine problems after the run on the creek, and all the boats will require more work before competing in Jordan.

Ahmed Al Ansari had a narrow escape in practice — testing the boat with an American fellow racer, the pair hit a wire running across the water. The wire came up and hit the screen ahead of the cockpit. Fortunately both men ducked, but the top of the co-driver's seat was damaged.

The five are now looking forward to the Jordan event, which will take place in the Gulf of Aqaba, and to further races in Kuwait.

The main Dubai race, for which this event was merely to be a practice run, will be held on March 10. Whether overseas entrants will be willing to return to Dubai on the offchance of racing on that date remains to be seen.

Walsh and Wyche put friendship aside to win Super Bowl

NEW YORK, Jan 14, (Reuters). The conference championship celebrations have faded for the San Francisco 49ers and Cincinnati Bengals and two old friends have turned their attention to winning Super Bowl XXIII.

San Francisco's head coach Bill Walsh and Cincinnati's guiding light Sam Wyche once worked for a common goal, but will now set out to ruin each other's Super Sunday on Jan 22.

Walsh, the grand master of the gridiron chess game in his 10th year at the helm for San Francisco, may be one win short of being remembered as coach of the '80s.

A 49ers victory will make Walsh, who has taken his team to the playoffs for six consecutive years, the only coach to win three Super Bowls this decade. San Francisco beat the Bengals in 1982 and the Miami Dolphins in 1985.

Walsh, known for his fanatical preparation, has been called an offensive genius.

Dictates

While nearly all football coaches call plays from the sidelines according to the dictates of each situation, Walsh enters every game with his team's first 25 offensive plays fully scripted.

"I'd rather make decisions, as the British admirals used to say, in a watertight compartment than in the lifeboats," he said in a recent interview.

"You're much less apprehensive when the game starts because you have a plan of attack," Walsh said. "Without one you have to make too many quick decisions early and that's very difficult and dangerous."

Walsh says that his complex offensive script is designed to reveal, early in the game, each opponent's defensive formations, tendencies and adjustments to various situations he throws at them.

Walsh is also considered second to none as a tutor of quarterbacks. Forty-nine passer Joe Montana, the two-time Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, is the most obvious beneficiary of Walsh's expertise. But he also worked with Cincinnati's first Super Bowl quarterback Ken Anderson and former San Diego Chargers' great Dan Fouts.

Ironically, someone else who has learned a great deal at Walsh's side is old friend Wyche, who was a Cincinnati quarterback when Walsh was offensive coordinator there.

"I coached Sam for a number of years and I brought him right up to the upper reaches of mediocrity," Walsh said jokingly.

Wyche later worked as an assistant coach under Walsh when the 49ers beat the Bengals in Super Bowl XVI.

"We have spent endless hours

working together," Walsh said of his long relationship with Wyche. "I think some of what he does I have had an impact on. But a lot of what he does is his own creativity."

Rarely has a coach's reputation and fortunes turned so quickly and completely as Wyche's over the past year.

After a dismal 4-11 1987 season, Cincinnati fans were calling for Wyche's head and local sportswriters branded him a trick play artist who must be replaced.

Before this season, the last on Wyche's five-year contract with Cincinnati, the Bengals were listed by oddsmakers as a 1,000-1 very long shot to win the Super Bowl.

Wyche calls 1987 "The worst experience of my professional life" and refers to that period as the time "when my job was in jeopardy."

Wyche said he talked to Walsh several times in those dark days. "He's always been a good friend and a confident, somebody that I feel comfortable talking to," Wyche said recently.

Team founder and general manager, 80-year-old American football legend Paul Brown, who had been Walsh's boss as Bengals' head coach, decided to stick with Wyche.

Less than a year later, Wyche's job is anything but in jeopardy and he is being hailed as the most creative coach in professional football — a label he has earned after running the National Football League's number-one offence to a 12-4 regular season record and division and conference titles.

Walsh knows he must expect the unexpected in the gambling, unorthodox style of his former protege.

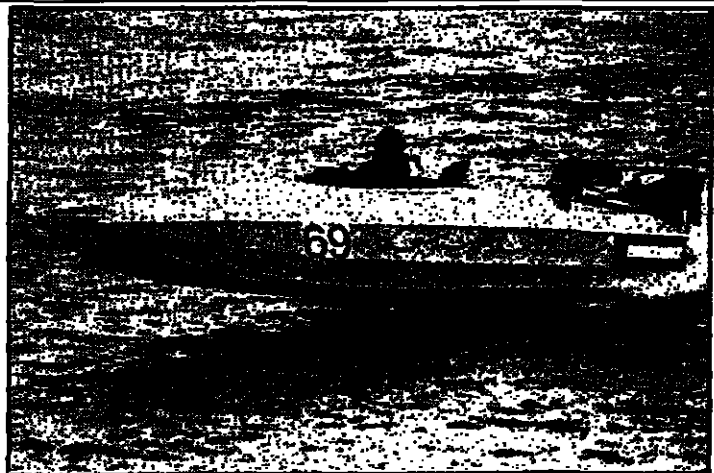
Attempting

Wyche confounded defences all season with his no-huddle, hurry-up offence — an extended two-minute drill that forces today's speciality-oriented defensive units to think twice before attempting mass substitutions between plays.

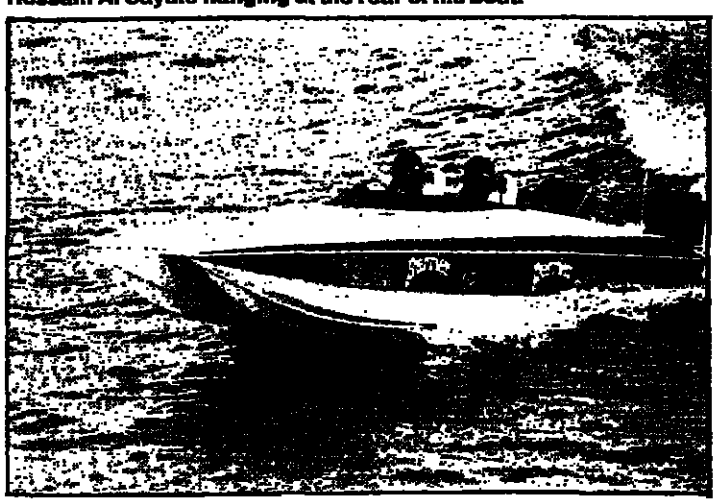
Unlike many of his peers, Wyche foregoes conventional wisdom and takes chances. He has used reverses, fake kicks and other unusual plays that keep opponents off balance with great success.

On January 22, the relationship between these coaches takes a back seat as great teams with explosive offences try to turn Walsh's master plan and Wyche's creative spontaneity into Super Bowl championship rings.

"That (the friendship) all will be put aside 3-1/2 hours on Super Bowl Sunday because one thing we respect in each other is that we are both very competitive," Wyche said in a recent interview.



Hossam Al Sayafe hanging at the rear of his boat.



Khalifa Al Qatami: feels that the race should have taken place



A Dubai racer in action. (Photos by Mark Williams)



Ahmed Al Ansari waves the Kuwaiti flag.



Abdullah Al Sha'ali: former winner

SPORTS BRIEFS

Joyner-Kersey

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Jan 14, (AP): Jackie Joyner-Kersey, winner of two Olympic gold medals, will compete in the women's 55-metre hurdles in the Meadowlands Invitational Feb 10 at the Meadowlands arena, meet officials announced yesterday.

Soccer star

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan 14, (AP): Pele, the retired soccer star, was quoted yesterday as saying that he quit a government public relations job to avoid "lying" about his country. Pele, who retired as a player in 1977, last year resigned as goodwill ambassador for the government tourism agency Embratur.

Three-race series

LONDON, Jan 14, (UPI): Steve Cram and Said Aouita could meet in three-race series this summer over 1,500 metres and the mile, Cram's manager said.

Nabisco GP

MILAN, Italy, Jan 14, (UPI): Two-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker and current holder Stefan Edberg have been seeded first and second in a \$500,000 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament next month, organisers announced.

Formula One

BRUSSELS, Jan 14, (UPI): Formula One driver Thierry Boutsen of Belgium will go to Rio de Janeiro this month to test his new Williams car confident that its experimental engine will be a success.

Dope test

STOCKHOLM, Jan 14, (UPI): A second dope test has confirmed that Swedish silver medalist Tomas Stenlund had taken anabolic steroids at the world powerlifting championships at Perth, Australia in November, Swedish news agency TT reported.

King ahead

SANDY BAY, Jamaica, Jan 14, (Reuters): American Betsy King shot a seven-under-par 64 yesterday to take a five-stroke lead in the LPGA's season-opening \$500,000 Jamaica Classic golf tournament.

Verplank leads

PALM DESERT, Calif., Jan 14, (Reuters): American Scott Verplank shot a splendid round of seven-under-par 65 on the El Dorado course yesterday to move into a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the million-dollar Bob Hope Classic golf tournament.

Thomas Berthold

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Jan 14, (Reuters): A previously undiagnosed illness that has kept West German soccer international Thomas Berthold in hospital here since January 1 was a bacterial infection, hospital sources said yesterday.

Gold Cup

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 14, (Reuters): Results on the opening day of the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup hockey tournament today: Soviet Union 1 Poland 1 (half-time 0-1). Scores: Soviet Union — Mikhail Boukatin (69th min) Poland — Karol Podzorski (9th). Netherlands 5 Malaysia 1 (3-0). Scores: Netherlands — Elco van der Meulen (10th, 14th, 30th), Marc Delissen (42nd), Eric Parlevliet (49th) Malaysia — S. Sivabalan (70th).

BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club's marathon game held on Friday. 1. Meenchi & Samaha 2. Ravi & Isam 3. Qatani & Zamaniri

LIVERPOOL FIGHT BACK TO HOLD SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Arsenal blast Everton to stretch lead

LONDON, Jan 14, (Reuters): Arsenal shrugged off their early exit from the English FA Cup and stretched their lead at the top of the First Division with an emphatic 3-1 win at Everton today.

While second-placed Norwich were beaten 2-1 at home by Coventry, Arsenal moved to 43 points — five ahead with a game in hand.

Coventry were also putting FA Cup disappointment behind them, having lost ignominiously 2-1 to non-league Sutton United a week ago.

A last-minute winner from David Speedie gave Coventry the points which lifted them two places into third spot, five points behind Norwich but 10 adrift of the leaders.

Millwall lost 3-0 at Manchester United and slipped to fourth on goal difference.

Hauled

Champions Liverpool came back from two goals down at Sheffield Wednesday to draw 2-2. But they drop to fifth, a point behind Coventry and Millwall.

West Ham, who stunned Arsenal in their FA Cup third round replay on Wednesday, hauled themselves off the bottom with a 2-1 win at Derby, who failed to build on the encouragement of a 54-second goal.

Arsenal turned on the cham-

pionship style with a clinical second half demolition of Everton.

The opening goal after 47 minutes was superbly executed. Full back Lee Dixon collected a quick throw-cut from John Lukic before feeding David Rocastle, who delivered an accurate cross from which Paul Merson drove in his sixth goal in seven matches.

Six minutes later, Rocastle crossed for Alan Smith to head in powerfully his 17th goal of the season.

Midfielder Kevin Richardson played a precise one-two with Smith before firing Arsenal's third goal after 72 minutes. Everton's consolation came seven minutes from time when Dave Watson forced home a corner.

Coventry shook off their cup humbling as Speedie scored both goals — and collected a booking for arguing.

Norwich led through a 56th minute goal from Dale Gordon but Speedie equalised from a corner nine minutes later and chipped the ball over advancing Norwich goalkeeper Bryan Gunn for the winner.

Coventry's delight at winning was tempered by the news that midfielder Lloyd McGrath will be out for a month after fracturing a cheek bone.

McGrath returned to the Coventry side only last month after being out for 10 months



Chelsea's Dave Beasant makes a save during a Second Division match. (Reuters wirephoto)

with a broken leg.

Two goals in a minute enabled Liverpool to continue a 24-year unbeaten run of League games at Sheffield Wednesday, who took a shock lead in the fifth minute when Mark Proctor headed in following a free kick by Mel Sterland.

Ten minutes later Imre Varadi headed in at the far post from a corner by Wilf Roston.

Steve Nicol reduced the deficit with a 20-metre shot just inside the far post in the 76th minute and a minute later John Aldridge, who had substituted for Steve McMahon on the hour, scored easily with a close range header.

Manchester United, with seven players under 20 in their squad, severely dented Millwall's title push.

Makati bowlers upset Valenzuela

MAKATI, languishing near the bottom of the table, sprang a surprise by beating second-placed Valenzuela 3-1 in the second PBAK Filipino Non-pro Bowling League at the Holiday Inn hotel on Friday.

This was the finest win so far by the Makati team as the tournament entered its sixth week. The outstanding bowlers for Makati were Sam Baker with 517 pinfalls, Zaki Ahmad 507, vice-captain Komaruddin 467, team captain Victor Choong 459 and Luz Mesenas 458.

In the other matches Caloocan City overcame Las Pinas 3-1, Cavite City defeated San Juan 3-1, Manila beat Quezon City 3-1, Baguio City and Paranaque drew 2-2 and Mandaluyong thrashed Zamboanga City 4-0.

Cavite City stayed at the top with their victory over San Juan. The top scorers for Cavite were Lando Caburao 509, Tony Lacson 510, Mercy Laborce 484, Homer Mesina 345, Pete Nierva 148, Ness Sogale 143 and Jesus Ventus 311.

Best

Willy Sabay retained his touch by getting 529 pinfalls for Caloocan against Las Pinas. In the individual standings this is the best High Series so far.

The other scorers for Caloocan were Nonoy Maramba 499, Eva Sabay 494, Roger Sabado and Ramzi Jabshah 392.

Eva Sabay's 494 is the second best High Series score in the women's division.

Nafez Fauzi Al Aqras was at his best and led Manila past Quezon with a score of 526. The other scorers for Manila were Mansour Shatti with 495, Ardeen Boncillo 450, Manny Inserto 338, Bobby Bautista 145, Joel Boncillo 133, Bob Peek 138 and Ojie Olor 170.

In the Baguio - Paranaque match, there were good performances from both the sides which led to the match being played to a draw.

Waleed Al Zinki was the top scorer for Baguio with 473 while Gren Ruiz got 445, Cesci Contreras 345, Bader Al Shabin 332, Munib Hamdan 315, Jimmy Tadana 276 and Malou Tadana 158.

For Paranaque, the scorers were Mando Alejandro 559, Nel-

son Guillermo 441, Rene Cabardo 433, Ed de Leon 297, Raldua Amarskara 291, Freddie Fernando 161 and Cabry Nepomuceno 120.

Mandaluyong had an easy game against Zamboanga. The bowlers to shine were Rudy Zablan 500, Jun Cheng 448, Baby Militante 350, Celso Estrada 331 and Mar Evangelista 314.

Friday's schedule:

8:30 am Zamboanga vs Paranaque, San Juan vs Valenzuela; 11:30 Manila vs Las Pinas, Caloocan vs Quezon; 2:30 pm Mandaluyong vs Baguio, Cavite vs Makati.

The tournament is being sponsored by Dollarco Exchange Co. Ltd and Holiday Inn.

Mahrer triumphs in Cup race

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Jan 14, (AP): Daniel Mahrer of Switzerland beat Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg by .07 second today to win a World Cup downhill on the famed Hahnenkamm course.

Mahrer was timed at 1 minute, 58.42 seconds on the course under a bright morning sun. The slope dropped 2,920 feet and had a length of more than two miles.

Girardelli, winner of the first downhill race on Friday, was second in 1:58.49. Third was Austrian Peter Wirnsberger, 1:58.67.

It was the fourth World Cup

career triumph for the 27-year-old Mahrer.

The race was held up for about 20 minutes after the 24th starter, Brian Stemmler of Canada, crashed on the course and was taken away by helicopter to the hospital.

Based

Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen was fourth in 1:58.95. He held the overall World Cup lead, upping his total to 172 points while Girardelli now has 157.

Zurbriggen and Girardelli are in contention for tomorrow's slalom and the combined event

based on the results of today's downhill and the slalom.

Zurbriggen is the defending World Cup overall champion while Girardelli won the two previous years.

Since winning the World Cup overall titles in 1985 and 1986, Girardelli has been plagued by injuries.

Shoulder dislocations in 1987 and elbow and chest injuries in a downhill crash in Leukerbad in 1988 resulted in two lean years for the Austrian-born Girardelli.

However, this season Girardelli has made a triumphant return to the top ranks.

Frost reaches semifinals

TAIPEI, Jan 14, (Reuters): Top-seeded Morten Frost beat Indonesian Alan Budi Kusuma 18-16 15-11 but compatriot Kirsten Larsen, favourite for the women's title, lost to an unseeded opponent in the quarterfinals of the Taipei Masters Badminton championships yesterday.

Frost's greater experience proved decisive and his defensive play finally wore down his opponent.

But Larsen was outclassed by

Sweden's Christine Magnusson, losing 12-9 11-1.

In the men's singles, second-seeded Eddy Kurniawan of Indonesia also reached the last four, beating Poul Erik Hoyer Larsen of Denmark 15-9 15-12.

IB Frederiksen beat fellow Dane Jens Peter Nierhoff.

Briton Steve Baddeley, seeded five, gave his opponent Indonesian Joko Supriyanto a lesson in patience, abandoning his usually attacking style because of a heavy shuttlecock.

Price dies

JACKSONVILLE, North Carolina, Jan 14, (AP): Percy Price, one of the few men to conquer Muhammad Ali in the boxing ring, has died from complications of a chronic arthritis condition. He was 52.

Price had lived in Jacksonville since retiring in 1976 from a 21-year career in the Marine Corps. A kidney infection caused his death Thursday morning at Camp Lejeune naval hospital, officials said.

Desert Orchid turns in champion show

ASCOT, England, Jan 14, (Reuters): Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite Desert Orchid turned in another champion display to win a handicap steeplechase by a head today.

The race will go down in the record books as one of the brilliant grey's finest performances.

The useful Panto Prince, receiving 10 kgs from the 6-4 favourite over the two mile (3.2 kms) trip, would not give up the lead.

But Desert Orchid, just as brave, kept niggling away at the leader and wore him down in the last stride.

Simon Sherwood, unbeaten in seven rides on Desert Orchid, said: "I must admit I thought we were beaten between the last two fences, but then I remembered his former jockey Colin Brown telling me this horse would always pull out a little extra."

Next stop for Desert Orchid, whose earnings are now over £300,000 (\$530,000), is the Gainborough chase at Sandown on February 4.

Scott and Myricks shine

HAMILTON, Ontario, Jan 14, (AP): Steve Scott of the United States won the mile and Canadian Larry Myricks had the best indoor long jump over Canada at the Spectator Games track meet last night, the year's opening Grand Prix meet.

Scott won in a time of 4 minutes, 3.7 seconds, to beat Somalia's James Adem, 4:06.1, and Canada's Dave Campbell, 4:09.

Myricks had a leap of 26 feet, 1/4 inches and Nick Saunders of Bermuda set a Commonwealth record in the high jump, clearing 7-8 1/2. The previous record was 7-8, set at the Seoul Summer Olympics.

Olympic gold medalist Roger Kingdom of the United States ran away with the 50-metre hurdles in 6.47 seconds. He was well off the world record, however, of 6.25 held by Toronto's Mark McKoy, who was banned this week from international competition for two years for pulling out of a relay at the Seoul Games.

Turned

Former world record holder Billy Olson of the United States took the pole vault at 18-4 1/2. Dave Steen, the Olympic decathlon bronze medalist who has turned to vaulting, fouled out at 16-8 3/4.

Ian Morris of Trinidad used a late burst of speed to edge world indoor record holder Roddie Haley of the United States in the men's 500 metres, clocking 1:04.1.

Charmine Crooks, in her first race since leaving the Mazda track club for the newly established Toronto-based Top Form club, defended her Hamilton title in the women's 500 metres in 1:13.7, ahead of Lillie Leatherwood of the United States in 1:15.0.

"I've been training hard," Crooks said after her victory over Leatherwood, a member of the 1988 Olympic silver medalist, 1,600-metre relay team.

Ann Peel, the bronze medalist at the 1987 World Indoor Championships, defended her meet title easily in the 3,000-metre race walk in 13:19.7 over Allison Baker of Winnipeg.

Weightlifting rife with drug abuse: Canadian official

TORONTO, Jan 14, (Reuters): A top Canadian government official yesterday told a government inquiry into use of illegal drugs in amateur sports that weightlifting is rife with drug abuse.

"There is enough evidence to say that doping is endemic or, at the least, very prevalent in the sport of weightlifting," said Abby Hoffman, director-general of Sport Canada, the government body which pays some \$48 million to the country's amateur sports programmes.

She testified on the third day of the hearings at the inquiry, ordered by the Canadian government following sprinter Ben Johnson's failed doping test at the

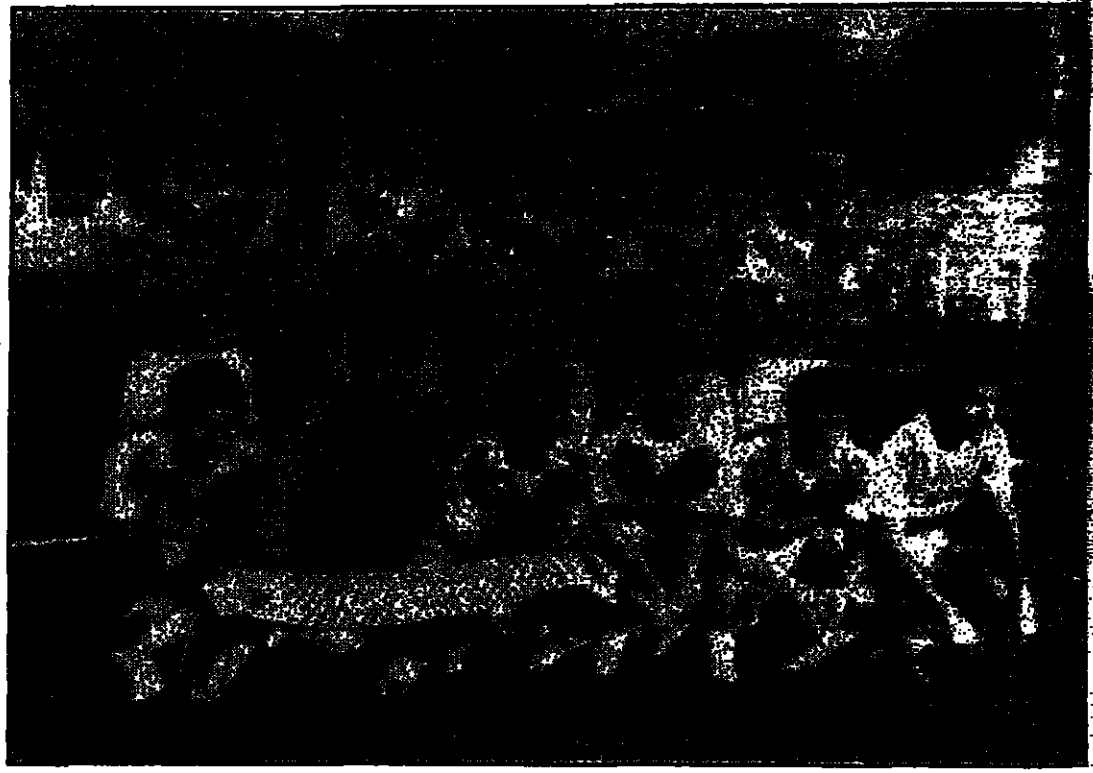
Seoul Olympics.

Johnson was stripped of his gold medal for the 100-metres and banned from international competition for two years after he tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid, stanozolol.

Stipends

Hoffman described Canada's athletic assistance plan which provides monthly stipends to Canadian athletes.

An athlete ranked in the top eight in the world receives \$540 per month from Sport Canada for training expenses, one in the top 16 receives \$440 and an athlete not yet in the top 16, but with the potential to move up, receives (\$340) monthly.



The Palestinian squad pictured before the match. (Reuters wirephoto)

Palestinians win tour opener

ROME, Jan 14, (Reuters): A Palestinian national football team opened a European tour aimed at gaining world sporting recognition today with victory against an Italian side.

Dressed in red and white, with their goalkeeper sporting a T-shirt bearing an 'intifada' slogan of the Palestinian uprising, the team of factory hands, students and office workers beat a squad of Italian journalists 3-0.

The tour, aimed at persuading the International Olympic Committee to grant Palestine a place in the 1992 Olympics, will include other amateur matches in Italy as well as meetings with politicians. The squad goes to France on January 20.

Checks

Security was tight outside Rome's marble stadium as police put about 60 Palestinian supporters through metal detector checks and body searches.

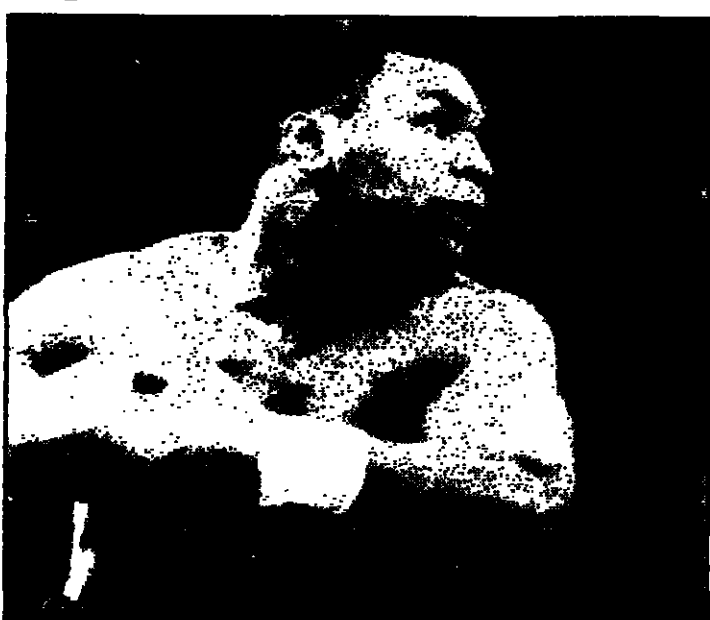
Israel has protested against the visit, recalling the killing of 11 Israeli athletes by Palestinian gunmen at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

The Palestinian squad is drawn from amateur teams which play in Kuwait, Iraq, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.



Mohammed Salems, the Palestinian goalkeeper makes the sign of victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tyson back to training after Vancouver melee



Tyson: won't be disciplined

LAS VEGAS, Jan 14, (Reuters): World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was back in training here today after a sudden trip to Vancouver, Canada and a scuffle with news cameramen in a hotel where his estranged wife, actress Robin Givens, is filming a movie.

The 22-year-old Tyson returned to Las Vegas on Thursday and early yesterday was training for his upcoming title defence against top contender Frank Bruno of Britain.

"I feel great," said a smiling Tyson yesterday morning at the Las Vegas Hilton, site of the February 25 bout.

He would not discuss his unscheduled departure from training camp on Wednesday or the shoving match with Vancouver cameramen.

Tyson, who usually trains in the afternoon, returned to Taco's ringside gym yesterday mor-

ning, driving himself in his newest car, a \$163,000 four-wheel-drive Lamborghini.

"He's done his roadwork and may box this afternoon," Al Braverman, publicity director for boxing promoter Don King, told Reuters from his office in New York.

He said Tyson had been chastised by King for leaving camp on Wednesday and flying to Vancouver without telling anyone. King has been acting as an adviser to Tyson but is not promoting the Bruno fight.

Tyson will not receive any punishment for breaking camp, Braverman said. "Certain guys can be disciplined, certain guys can't," he said.

Braverman said he was happy that Tyson got his visit with Givens out of his system now, rather than closer to his title defence.

"I'm happy that he did what he had to do for his peace of mind,"

Braverman said. "He's happy like a little mischievous boy. He did something and it's over with."

Braverman said Tyson should not have "blown his top," with cameramen shortly after arriving in Vancouver on Wednesday night.

British Columbia television cameraman Mike Timbrell said on Thursday Tyson wrenched the viewfinder off his \$50,000 camera in a scuffle in the hotel lobby.

Grabbed

"He was trying to grab my camera and stomp on it," Timbrell said. "He grabbed it with one hand and twisted the viewfinder off...the doorman was holding him back because he was trying to come after me."

A Vancouver city police spokesman said yesterday the incident was not being investigated because no one had pressed charges.

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